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IN QUANDARY OVER MANCHURIA

SITUATION OUTSIDE CONTROL OF POWERS

Japan's Attitude May Defeat Alliance Looking to Integrity of China.

Pekin, March 4.—The British newspapers in China are giving the most serious consideration to the attitude of Japan, which they assert will defeat the object of the alliance looking to the integrity of China.

The stand taken by the Japanese in Manchuria in the matter of the railway questions has given rise to much discussion, but the determination of Japan, however, invoking all its diplomatic resources to back up its position with regard to its refusal to permit the construction of the Hsin Min Tun Fakumen railroad, has to some extent altered the tone of the press comment.

The representatives of the powers have refegred to their home governments in detail about the matter of the Hsin Min Tun Fakumen railway, and the question of the control of the Harbin municipality. The British government is anxious for a settlement of the Harbin question, so that a precedent may be furnished to Japan upon the decision as to whether China meant to convey a settlement of municipality rights by the railway concession, or whether the possession of large tracts of land at Harbin makes the Russian position different from that of the Japanese. Upon this may depend future action looking to the restraining of Japan. Altogether the situation is believed to be outside the control of the powers unless China is able to arouse joint aid.

MILLER ELECTED MAYOR OF SEATTLE

An Overwhelming Republican Landslide in Sound City—Large Vote.

Seattle, March 4.—The city election here yesterday proved to be the most overwhelming Republican landslide in the history of the municipality. With the possible exception of the eighth ward, where Sparkman, Democrat, was leading at midnight by a narrow margin, every member of the straight Republican ticket was elected.

John F. Miller, Republican, will be Seattle's next mayor, his majority being over 6,000; Harry Carroll was elected city comptroller, Col. W. F. Prosser treasurer and Scott Calhoun corporation counsel.

The day was ideal and the largest vote in the history of the city was polled.

VESSEL TO ECLIPSE GIANT CUNARDERS

Belfast, March 4.—The firm of Harland & Wolff is building new slips here to enable the construction of vessels 1,000 feet long, as a preparatory step in laying of the keel a year hence of a mammoth steamer for the White Star Company for the Southampton-New York trade.

IN SEVENTH ATTEMPT HE ENDED HIS LIFE

Asphyxiated, After Failing to Find Death Leaping From Brooklyn Bridge.

New York, March 4.—John Grant, a former prize fighter, who had failed in six previous attempts to kill himself, in one of which he jumped from Brooklyn bridge, after gashing both wrists and swallowing carbolic acid, committed suicide to-day by gas asphyxiation in his brother's home in Brooklyn.

Grant gained considerable prominence during his ring career by defeating Cal. McCarthy and fighting long draws with George Dixon and Oscar Gardn.

His escape from death in his leap from Brooklyn bridge was marvellous. When he took the ordinarily fatal plunge the river was running full of ice flows and he narrowly missed two passing tugs. His body plunged into clear water, and he was only slightly bruised when rescued and taken to a hospital.

SUICIDE OFF BROOKLYN BRIDGE.

New York, March 4.—An unknown man, said to be about 30 years old, jumped from the Brooklyn bridge into the East river yesterday, and was killed. His body did not reach the surface, and the police began to search for it.

ACTING MAYOR OF WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, March 4.—The board of control yesterday decided to appoint Controller Harvey as acting mayor during the absence of Mayor Ashdown, who is leaving for Hot Springs for his health. Acting Mayor Harvey and Controller Evans will take charge of the city's financial department during the absence of Mayor Ashdown.

"ANARCHISTS" ARRESTED.

Chicago, March 4.—Chas. Yaniatis, 35 years old and Wm. Stadleweiser, 34 years old, alleged anarchists were arrested to-day in connection with the attempted assassination of Chief of Police Shippy.

PROHIBITS IMPORTATION.

London, March 4.—The board of agriculture prohibits the importation of hay and straw into Great Britain, this prohibition taking effect immediately.

REVELATION OF NAVAL SECRETS

MINISTRY FACES STARTLING CHARGE

Russia Alleged to Have Communicated Big Gun Process to English Firm.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—An interpellation was introduced in the douma to-day demanding explanations from Admiral Dikoff, minister of marine, of the charges current in navy circles that Russian naval secrets had been communicated to Vickers Sons and Maxim, the English shipbuilders, in connection with the construction of the new Russian cruiser Rurik by this firm. The secrets were thereby rendered available to other nations.

It is alleged that the armor, guns, and shells, manufactured by Vickers Sons & Maxim were unsatisfactory. The ministry of marine instead of replacing this material direct from Russian factories ordered supervising experts to instruct Vickers Sons & Maxim to procure the armor according to a secret process worked out at the Kolpin factory and it furnished the plans of the Russian 8 and 10 inch guns to the English firm, when the English failed to get the high velocity requirements insisted upon by Russia. The ministry also communicated the Russian method of rifling bands which was one of the choicest secrets of the Russian arms factory. All this was in direct violation of the military code regarding the revelation of military secrets. Admiral Dikoff was asked also why he had failed to exact penalties from Vickers Sons & Maxim for the non-compliance of their contract. This interpellation was proposed by the Conservatives who declare that the charges are most serious.

CONSERVATIVES WIN IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Maritime Province Changes Political Faith—J. D. Hazen New Premier.

St. John, N. B., March 3.—After being in power 25 years under different leaders, the New Brunswick government suffered a decisive defeat in today's elections. Going into the fight with 35 supporters to the 11 possessed by the opposition, the result to-night leaves the situation practically reversed, the government having only 15 members and the opposition 31.

Premier Robinson narrowly escaped defeat in Westmoreland, where the government carried all four seats. In addition they won the Restigouche, St. John county, Victoria and Madawaska, and giving them the three seats in Gloucester, which went independent Liberal on Monday, they have only 15 seats. Four members of the government were defeated: Jones, solicitor-general in Carleton; Allen, provincial secretary, in York; Farris, commissioner of agriculture, in Queen's; and Purdy, member of the cabinet without portfolio, in St. John city.

The following are some of the returns:

St. John City—Government—Sears, 3,887; Lanatalum, 3,782; Skinner, 3,654; Purdy, 3,648. Opposition—Wilson, 4,453; Maxwell, 4,338; McInerney, 4,293; Hathaway, 4,289.

St. John County—Lowell, government, 1,281; McKeown, government, 1,243; Mosher, opposition, 926; Clark, opposition, 950.

Restigouche — Government — Liabillois, 1,205; Currie, 1,181. Opposition—Stewart, 1,009; Culligan (one poll to hear from), 1,008.

Westmoreland — Government — Robinson, 4,770; Sweeney, 4,577; Copp, 4,621; Leger, 4,441. Opposition—Sumner, 4,337; Black, 4,218; Melanson, 4,171; Mahoney, 4,046.

Kings—Opposition—Jones, 2,119; Murray, 2,100; Sproul, 2,061. Government—McAllister, 1,886; Wetmore, 1,870; Scovil, 1,875.

Charlotte—Opposition—Taylor, 2,450; Clark, 2,420; Hartt, 2,418; Grimmer, 2,400. Government—Byron, 1,953; Armstrong, 1,945; McGee, 1,905; Hill, 1,838.

Victoria—Tweedle, government, 1,041. Burgess, government, 1,008; Manseer, opposition, 846. Curless, opposition, 674.

Hundred and Fifty Children Lost Lives In Blazing School

EXIT CHOKED WITH BODIES

Heartrending Disaster Occurred in Suburb of Cleveland, Ohio

Panic Caused by Wild Rush During Which Little Ones Were Trampled to Death—Escape Being Cut Off by Flames—Agonising Scenes

Cleveland, March 4.—In the most terrible holocaust in the history of this section of the country, over 100 children lost their lives to-day in a fire which destroyed the three-story brick school building on Collamer avenue in Collingwood, a suburb just outside the city limits. Fire started in the basement of the building just after school convened. It was caused from an overheated furnace.

The smoke from the fire quickly filled the building and alarmed the children and teachers. A panic ensued. No fire drill was used in rescuing the children. They madly rushed for the doors and windows.

Walter G. Kelley, a newspaper man, two of whose children were in the building was one of the first on the scene. He stated that the rear door, one of two exits, was locked. The children rushed for the front and rear doors.

FIGHTING HUMANITY.

The front exit was jammed full of fighting and panic-stricken humanity. Many who reached the exit first escaped, but those who followed choked the doorway. Those who fell were trampled upon and many are supposed to have been killed. Those behind turned and made for the windows. Some upon the second and third floors jumped from the windows and escaped. In this way three or four were killed, while others were more fortunate and escaped with slight injuries.

LIKE RATS IN TRAP.

The great number of those who met death were cut off from escape by the smoke, which blinded them. Caught like rats in this manner, they fell with the lower floor and blazing timbers to the basement below. Bodies were taken to the morgue at the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway company's shops.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 4.—In a fire which completely destroyed the common school building in Collingwood, a suburb of this city, to-day, one hundred and fifty children lost their lives.

The fire was started by an overheated furnace. The flames quickly spread, but a panic ensued when the building filled with smoke, and the 400 children atempted to escape.

EXIT CHOKED WITH CHILDREN.

There were but two exits in the building that were available. One soon became choked with the children, who madly dashed for the open air. Those who fell in the doorway were trampled upon by those behind, and soon the doorway was impassable.

FLAMES CUT OFF ESCAPE.

The frightened and panic-stricken children turned to get out through the windows, and any other means that could be found. Escape was cut off by the flames, which by this time had spread throughout the rooms. The building was of brick, yet this did not retard the progress of the fire.

AMONG BURNING EMBERS.

In a few minutes the lower floor fell, precipitating scores of children to the basement among the burning embers. The scene about the building was heart-rending.

Quickly the news of the terrible catastrophe spread throughout the village and hundreds of parents were crowding about the building in search of their girls and boys. In a few minutes 20 bodies had been taken from the ruins.

WRITHING FORMS.

Plainly the writhing or stilled forms of dozens of others could be seen in the basement.

Nearby factories dismissed their men and instructed them to assist in the recovery. They braved the fire and made heroic efforts to save those who were not dead.

BODIES RECOVERED.

At 11:30 twenty-five bodies had been recovered from the ruins and were taken to the shops of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, where the company's physicians are attending to the injured.

Practically every ambulance in the eastern part of Cleveland was called as well as every available physician.

Many children rescued are believed to be fatally injured either by fire or by being trampled upon. Scores of children have been taken to the city hospitals.

SOME OF THE DEAD.

Amo g the known dead are Edna Eahner 12 years old; Bernie Schubert, 10 years; Willie Weisbarth, 7 years; Meyers, 6 years; two Buschman girls, 10 and 12 years; Thomas Thompson, 9 years; Eddie Kehl, 11 years; Roster, 10 years; two Woodmyer girls, 10 and 12 years; Harold Sanderson, 12 years; Mary Ridgeway, 10 years; Anna Roth, Gertrude Davis, Walter Herter, Helen Herter, Martha Herter and Werner Herter.

Three little girls met instant death in attempting to jump from the third floor. They were Mary Ridgeway, Anna Roth and Gertrude Davis. Schaeffer, 9 years; Kelly, 10; Kelly, 7; Katherine Weiler, teacher; Harry Zingelmann, 10; Lucy Zingelmann, 8; Mabel Zingler, 10; Don Rush, 12; Irene Davis, 14; Angeline Zupan, 11; Edward Myers, 6; Frank Weimar, 6; John Widman, 10; Lillian Roster, 6; Emile Rostock, 14.

Among those missing are Lizzie L. Lyon, Emma Heinge, Peter Heninger. Injured: Glen Barber, 10 years old; Mildred Schmidt, 10.

Of the nine teachers of the school, seven are accounted for. The two missing are Katherine Weiler, of Cleveland and Grace Fiske, of East Cleveland.

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE.

A man named Dorn, who arrived upon the scene early, when the children were crowded in the front door, discovered his little girl among the mass of injured and crushed. He caught the girl by the hands, and his frantic efforts to save her, pulled her arms from her body.

The last four, who were children of the janitor of the building, lost their lives together.

DOORS WERE CLOSED.

The greatest loss of life was caused by one of the exits being closed, to which point scores of the children rushed. Their escape was blocked by a door that opened inward. In this manner they were delayed in reaching the other door and windows. It is said that as a result of this stampede alone scores of children lost their lives.

Reports as to the numer of dead vary. The first estimates placed the number as high as two hundred. Reports are conflicting at this time. In the excitement it was impossible to form a reasonable estimate.

150 HAVE PERISHED.

Judging from the number of bodies with the number that have been recovered and the number missing, together with the number that can be seen in the basement, it is safe to say that 150 have perished. The list may grow as the truth is revealed.

SIXTY RECOVERED.

Cleveland, March 4.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 60 bodies had been recovered from the ruins. Of these 32 were identified. The bodies of 12 boys and 11 girls are at the morgue of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway company's shops, and are burned beyond recognition.

RAKED OUT BODIES.

The panic that had worked such fearful results inside the building spread to the crowd outside, but only for a brief time. Organized efforts at rescue were soon under way. Firemen played streams upon the piles of bodies in the doorways and tried to drag out bodies with rakes and other implements. Ambulances and automobiles were soon available to take the wounded to hospitals.

After the fire had been controlled somewhat, piles of charred little bodies were still visible in the doorway. In the rear door bodies, burned beyond recognition, lay piled five feet deep. A man who reached the scene shortly after the fire broke out declared that the back door was locked. He attempted to break it down, but failed. He then smashed in the windows with the aid of others and rescued a number of children. The flames rapidly shot up through the central halls.

TERRIFIED BEYOND CONTROL.

It is said the children were terrified beyond all control and the teachers, although they struggled bravely to marshall their charges out of the building, were utterly helpless.

H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

U. S. N. DESERTER ARRESTED.

Pretty Wife Stole Diamond and Revealed His Hiding Place.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, March 4.—John Kerr, a confessed deserter from the battleship Nebraska, was arrested this morning following the capture of his pretty 17-year-old wife. The latter yesterday stole a diamond while looking over a tray of goods in a jewelery store. The girl gave away the hiding place of her husband and told the story of his desertion from the Nebraska. It was to supply him with money that she stole the diamond.

SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, March 4.—J. Labourdette this morning pleaded guilty to a series of thefts and was sentenced altogether to ten years by Magistrate Williams. He got five years for stealing a pair of shoes and another five for taking $2 and a slot machine.

CONGO QUESTION IS SETTLED

BELGIAN PARLIAMENT TO CONTROL BUDGET

King Leopold Gives in to His Ministers—Important Concession.

Brussels, March 4.—It is announced that King Leopold and the Belgium government have come to a complete agreement on the question of the annexation of the Congo Independent State.

It is stated in official circles that the agreement was made possible by an important concession by the king in consenting that the parliament should have control of the Congo budget.

In addition the king gives to Belgium the magnificent domain of Cape Ferrat in the south of France, reserving for himself the use of it, however, during his lifetime.

The government on its part agrees to propose that the chambers vote a special fund to carry out certain undertakings in the Congo and in Belgium, which fund will not exceed $12,000,000, and at the same time a special annual credit of $600,000 will be included in the Congo budgets for 15 years for the construction of hospitals and other institutions in the Congo.

It is expected that the annexation treaty in its new form will be presented to the chambers on Wednesday or Thursday next. It was stated today that the official gazette will publish shortly a royal decree abolishing the crown domain in the Congo Free State.

TRAGEDY OF INFIDELITY.

Portland Man Believing His Wife Was False Ends His Life.

(Special to The Times.)

Portland, March 4.—Tormented by the suspicion of his pretty wife's infidelity, George W. Plummer last night shot himself after writing this note:

"Dearest Maggie: Good-bye sweetheart. I love you and will trouble you no more. Will."

Mrs. Plummer was on her way to find her husband to assure him his suspicions were wrong when he shot himself.

BROKE HIS NECK.

(Special to The Times.)

Edmonton, March 4.—Joseph Thompson, contractor, aged 25, fell off a load of coal to-day, breaking his neck.

PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT CANADA

His Royal Highness Will Represent King Edward at Quebec Tercentenary.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 4.—When the Quebec tercentenary battlefield bill was up in the House last night Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he had expected that King Edward might attend the celebrations, but that was impossible. However he had received the following letter from Lord Grey showing that the Prince of Wales would be present:

"March 3, 1908.

"My Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:—

"I gives me great pleasure to inform you that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in response to your invitation, has graciously signified his willingness to attend the tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec by Champlain, provided it can be held during the last week of July.

"The pre-arranged movements of the Atlantic fleet which will accompany the Prince of Wales to Quebec make it necessary for his Royal Highness to arrive on July 22nd and to depart on the morning of July 29th.

His Royal Highness regrets that for this reason his stay in the Dominion must be curtailed so as to make it impossible for him to visit places other than Quebec on this occasion. Lord Elgin, who is anxious to do everything in his power to make the tercentenary a success, takes this opportunity to congratulate the Dominion on the important announcement which it is my privilege to request you to make to parliament of his Royal Highness' approaching visit, in joining most sincerely in these congratulations.

I remain yours, very sincerely,

"(Signed) GREY."

The fund of $300,000 which the government votes will be managed by the following commission: George Garneau, mayor of Quebec; Sir George Drummond, Montreal; B. E. Walker, Toronto; Col. George T. Denison, Toronto, and Hon. Adelard Turgeon, Quebec.

If any province or British or colonial government contributes $100,000 it shall have representation on the commission, which will be known as the "National Battlefield Association."

ACCOUNTANT SUSPENDED.

Action By Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 4.—O. W. Owen, accountant of the marine and fisheries department, has been suspended by the minister. This is said to be some of the aftermath in connection with the preparation of returns for parliament.

THE BURNING QUESTION.

Action in Toronto Court Over Proposed License Reduction.

(Special to The Times.)

Toronto, March 4.—Controllers Hocken, Harrison and Spence were confirmed in their seats to-day in an action taken before J. S. Cartwright, K. C., master-in-chambers, by an opponent of the proposed license reduction in Toronto.

VICTIM OF CANCER.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, March 4.—J. W. E. Darby, assistant Dominion land agent, and brother-in-law of the late Judge Killam, is dead from cancer. He was a prominent barrister here at one time.

JEWESS ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, March 4.—Sophia Bronsteen, a pretty young Jewess, after a quarrel with her husband, drank carbolic acid. She is in a precarious state. Her husband had left for Hirsh, Sask.

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PRSONAL.

H. Pinkjert, a Dawson merchant, has just returned from a business trip to the East. While absent he has been in consultation with financial men, and the prospect for development this coming summer looks exceedingly bright. He goes over to Vancouver to-day en route home to the Yukon capital.

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The Rev. H. J. Kisley, of Milestone, Sask., who has been visiting in the city this winter, returned home on last night's boat, being recalled by the sicknes of his wife.

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S. T. Bastedo, Dominion fisheries commissioner, went up to Nanaimo this morning on departmental business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hormer left this morning for Vancouver, where they will take the Princess Beatrice for Skagway.

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This morning A. C. Flumerfelt and J. J. Warren left on the Princess Royal for Seattle en route to Spokane.

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To-morrow Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Campbell will leave on the steamer Jefferson for White Horse.

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C. D. Sword, Dominion fishery inspector, has gone over to Vancouver for a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Short left on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver.

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This morning Dr. Ernest Hall left on a short business trip to Vancouver.

This morning Robt. H. Watt left for White Horse, Yukon Territory.

BILLS BROUGHT IN ARE VERY DEFECTIVE

Government Brings in Measures to Be Put in Shape by Opposition.

This session again the government has manifested its inability to deal with legislation. From time to time bills are introduced into the house which show absolute ignorance of the needs of the country. The bills are brought in in the crudest form by the minister in charge and to the opposition falls the work of whipping the measures into something like acceptable shape.

Last evening an example of this was afforded in the bill to amend the coal mines act. This measure, introduced by the chief commissioner, was shown to be very defective. The government could not deny the force of the criticisms of the leader of the opposition, and allowed section after section to stand over while the suggestions offered should be acted upon.

Practically no attempt was made by the government to defend the bill as it was introduced, but to the opposition will fall the task of making it workable, if that is done.

SPECIAL MEETING OF OAK BAY COUNCIL

Large Amount of Routine Work Done in Council This Morning.

There was no regular meeting of the Oak Bay council this week as the councillors did not turn up at the meeting place at the appointed time. To make up for this a special private meeting was held this morning, which took over three hours, at which all the councillors were present.

The reports of the finance and roads committees reported in regard to work done and to be executed. Letters were read from the engineer respecting street lines, and also dealing with the building of the sidewalk on Oak Bay avenue. The latter was laid over until plans have been prepared and the amount to be charged against each property owner figured out.

A letter was read from J. C. Sproule, fixing a price on the right-of-way through his property for the new beach drive. The price was considered too high, and accordingly not accepted.

A letter from the Victoria city clerk in regard to the conduct of road houses within the municipality was referred to the license commissioners.

There were a large number of petitions for work under the local improvement by-law. These were mostly for the building of roads and laying water mains.

The estimates were taken up and considered at some length. W. W. Northcott has been asked to give his advice in making the assessments for the coming year.

After a good deal of routine business the council adjourned.

INTERESTING RECITAL.

Sacred Concert at St. John's Last Night Proved Very Enjoyable.

The organ recital which was given last night at St. John's church by Mr. G. Jennings Burnett was marked by that degree of excellence with which these reclials are characterized. The people of Victoria are no strangers to the ability of Mr. Burnett, and last night he proved that he has few equals as an organist in the city. Mrs. Melville Parry sang two solos and without doubt this lady will prove to be a valuable acquisition to the musical people of Victoria. Mrs. Harry Currie, whose alto voice is one of the best which has been heard in the city for some time, sang "My God, My Father, While I Stray," while Mrs. Burnett and Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks also added immensely to the enjoyment of the evening.

One of the features of the evening was the selections which were given by the choir of the church of St. John's. The solos which were sung by W. Griffin and the male quartette in which the Petch Brothers participated can be safely counted among the best numbers of the evening. The programme was as follows:

Organ: Fugal Prelude, "Sing—Unto God" (Handel); vocal: "Gallilee" (Adams); Mr. W. H. Mellier; organ: Largo, New World Symphony (Dvorak); tenor solo and chorus, Sanctus (Gounod), Mr. T. Petch and choir; organ: Cavatina (Bohm); vocal: In Verdure Clad (Creation) (Hadyn), Mrs. Melville Parry; organ: Meditation, in D flat (Floyd St. Clair); vocal duet: Love Divine (Burnett), Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks; organ: Grand Offertoire (Wely); vocal: My God, My Father, While I Stray (Marston), Mrs. Harrie Currie; organ (a) Melody, Innocence (Burnett), (b) To a Wild Rose (McDowell); vocal: O Divine Redeemer (Gounod), Mrs. Melville Parry; solo, quartette and chorus: "O Paradise" (Burnette), Mr. W. Griffin, the Petch brothers and the choir; organ: March, Tannhauser (Wagner).

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—The death occurred yesterday at Tacoma of Mrs. (Dr.) Regli, formerly Miss Bessie Fraser, of this city. The funeral will take place to-morrow from 508 Dallas road at 9 a.m., and from the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9.30.

—The meeting to discuss the action to be taken by the city to obtain legislation to provide a proper water supply will be held to-nigt in the city hall. Mayor Hall will preside.

—Times readers are reminded to watch for the Golden West Soap Company's ad to-morrow which tells you how to obtain 50c. worth of Golden West soap and washing powder for nothing. •

INTERVIEWED MINISTRY ON BEAUTIFYING CITY

Government Has Subject Under Consideration—Personal Property Tax.

A delegation representing the city council and citizens of Victoria waited upon the government this morning for the purpose of urging upon the latter the advisability of remitting to the city a part at least of the personal property tax collected from the city and to do something towards beautifying Victoria.

Mayor Hall, Aldermen Henderson, Hall, Cameron, McKeown and G. H. Barnard, R. L. Drury, D. R. Ker and others were present. The city members were all present also.

In connection with the beautifying of Victoria the Premier pointed out that it would not be possible to include anything in its estimates this year for that work. The government had the matter under consideration. It had been brought to the attention of the government by other sources and had been discussed at some length. The matter was still under consideration.

H. B. Thomson, one of the city members, alluded to the fact that while there was no vote for the beautifying of Victoria under that name, yet there was about $50,000 in the estimates which was to be devoted towards Victoria and its environs; of this amount there was $20,000 for the Mill Bay road, $15,000 for the hospital, $5,000 for the Old Women's Home, and $10,000 for the exhibition buildings.

On the question of the remission of a part of the personal property tax it was pointed out that the finance minister would have the most to do with that. Hon. Mr. Tatlow was not present but the Premier explained that the subject had been looked into by the minister. If anything were done in that line it would have to apply to all cities.

DANGEROUS SYSTEM REGARDING LICENSES

The Government's New Policy of Dealing With Question Very Unpopular.

There has been a custom development under the present provincial government which is detrimental to the cause of good administration of affairs in this country. This is the practice on the part of the government of taking to itself all kinds of power which should repose in the legislature or in other bodies more in touch with local conditions.

The practice of relegating all kinds of functions to the government has been steadily developed by the McBride administration.

The latest example of this is the taking of the liquor license in unorganized districts out of the hands of license commissioners and placing it in the power of the provincial police.

This system which was put in practice by order-in-council some months ago, is now before the legislature in the form of a bill which has been found necessary in order to clearly define certain powers.

It is proposed to give the provincial police the power to cancel any license in these unorganized districts and from the decision of the police there shall be no appeal.

It has been pointed out by the opposition in the House that the power which is to be placed in the hands of the provincial police is a most dangerous one. It has been pointed out that the provincial police are the servants of the government and as such are directly under the control of the government. The superintendent of provincial police in any action he would take would have to be guided by the report of the local officer of the district. License holders are naturally very loath to have their licenses disposed of in the manner suggested by the change.

The amendment would leave the question of licenses in a position to be made a political matter.

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What might have been a much more serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon to Muriel Grant, the ten-year-old daughter of F. W. Grant, of David Spencer Company. As she was running home from school, playing tag with her playmates, she dodged to get out of the way of one of them and in doing so stepped right beneath a big dray horse that happened to be passing at the moment. The driver pulled up his team as quickly as possible but not before the hind wheel of the truck had passed over the child's knee.

Dr. Jones was called and dressed the wound. The bone was not broken, but whether or noto it is splintered is not yet known.

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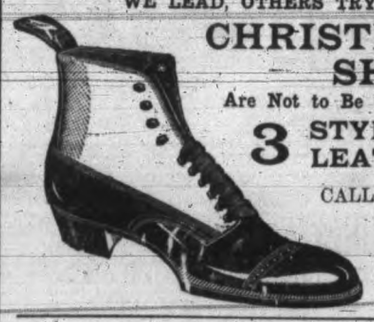

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT

Gratifying Work of Victoria Schools Set Forth by Late Dr. Eaton.

The annual report of the work of the public school of the province was presented to the legislature yesterday by the minister of education, Hon. Dr. Young. It includes a mass of statistics which show an increase in the number of pupils over previous years. One of the most interesting features is the report of the Victoria city schools. This was prepared by the late Dr. Eaton previous to his death and reads as follows:

Alexander Robinson, Esq., Superintendent of Education, Victoria, B. C.

Sir—I have the honor to submit my report of the Victoria city schools for the school year ending June 30, 1907.

During the year there were in the employ of the board 67 teachers doing regular school work, and in the second term 8 special teachers. At the beginning of the year, January, the board appointed Miss L. M. Mills supervisor of drawing for the common schools, and Miss Alice Boorman teacher of sewing, and at the same time made provision for the appointment of a teacher of singing. At the beginning of the present school year this was carried out in the appointment of Wm. Dobson of Birmingham, England. There are therefore now 9 special teachers on the staff; Manual training, 3; domestic science (cooking and sewing), 2; drawing, 1; singing, 1; drill and calisthenics, 2.

The school expenditure for 1906-07 was a good deal larger than the year before, the increase being chiefly in the salary account:

	1906-07	1905-06
Salary account	$61,797.20	$53,458.70
Gen'l maintenance..	17,408.16	16,926.98
Total	$79,205.36	$70,385.68

Attendance.

The number enrolled in all the schools exceeded that of the previous year by 123, but the average daily attendance was very much less. This was due to the exceptionally unfavorable weather and the prevalence successively of la grippe, measles and whopping cough during the second half of the year.

	1906-7	1905-6
Number enrolled	3,332	3,210
Daily average	2,414	2,715
Daily average, per cent...	77	79

These conditions of attendance, of course, rendered reasonable progress impossible, and, in consequence, the results of the year's work were less satisfactory than for a number of years back. The entrance classes suffered materially in this way.

High School Entrance.

The total number of candidates for high school entrance was 177, and of these 100 were successful, a low though not an unprecedentedly low, percentage of passes. At the beginning of the year I asked and obtained from the department, under provisions of the regulations of the council of public instruction, permission to substitute in special classes for ordinary entrance work some of the subjects of the high school course. This alternative entrance course, which was entirely optional with the students eligible, was taken by a class in the Boys' Central school, taught by Mr. Deane, and by a class of two sections taught in spare rooms of the high school by teachers oppointed for the purpose. The candidates taking this substitute entrance course are included in the totals above. The results by schools were:

	Candidates.	Passed
Boys' Central, ordinary entrance	14	10
Boys' Central, optional course	26	23
Girls' Central, ordinary entrance	26	15
South Park school, ordinary entrance	24	18
North Ward school, ordinary entrance	23	5
Victoria West, ordinary entrance	9	3
Special class, option	55	26
Total	177	100

Sub-High School Classes.

Reference was made in the last paragraph to the optional examination taken by certain of the entrance classes. The subjects of the examination covered the work of the first year in the high school and the pupils were assured that a satisfactory pass would not only admit them to the high school, but give them a second year standing as well. The experiment proved entirely satisfactory in the case of the Central school class. As shown above, of 26 candidates 22 gained second year standing, one first year standing only, and three failed. As far as examination results indicate, these boys proved themselves quite as able to do first year high school work as if they had spent six months or more in completing the common school course.

On the other hand, the deplorable results in the case of the sub-high class conducted at the high school building prove nothing as to the ability of those pupils to do the work assigned. An unfortunate change of teachers at mid-year so completely demoralized the class, both as to discipline and instruction, that disaster was inevitable.

My reasons for requesting the experiment, which, by the way, is being continued this year at the Central school are briefly:

The only new subjects pupils entering the high school at the average of 14 or 15 encounter are algebra, geometery and Latin. It is well known that, except in the public school systems of America, these subjects, if taught at all, are invariably introduced to children very much younger than 14. Then there is the fact that in the United States reputable authorities on secondary education have for years been urging that a shorter elementary course be required of prospective high school pupils than pupils must have whose schooling will end with the elementary course; and the correlative fact that this demand is already met in various ways by many city school administrators.

It is possible that the results of this year's work, beyond which the experiment need not be carried, may suggest some comment on the subject in my next report. In the meantime I have to thank the department for the sanction given to the innovation and you for the additional trouble your office has been put to in consequence.

High School.

I take the liberty of reproducing some paragraphs from an address given by Principal Paul at the opening of the high school this year. These extracts exhibit mainly the examination record of the various classes of the school:

This high school was first opened in 1876—thirty-one years ago—during exactly one-half of which period I have had the honor of being its principal. Between the years 1878 and 1884 the principal was J. H. McLaughlin, whose recent death Victoria is now deploring, and with whose family we all feel the most profound sympathy in their sad bereavement. In 1876 there were about 50 pupils on the roll and one teacher. There are now 10 teachers and 250 scholars.

"The change in the scope of instruction is also worthy of notice. In 1903 we added a university class to our course, by affiliation with McGill university as far as regards the first year in arts, by permission granted by the same university. Next year we have been promised affiliation as regards the first year of applied science, and I am sure that the city of Victoria, through its representatives, the board of school trustees, will see that this project is duly carried out.

"The work of the high school during last term will, I am sure, be a source of satisfaction to you.

"In the first year in arts there were eight undergraduates, of whom two passed entirely, three failed in one subject each and were permitted to take the second year, making five eligible for the second year, and three failed. While the results might have been better in some respects, in almost every subject one or the other student distinguished himself. In English, Holmes was second in the first class, only one student in McGill university beating him; Holmes was in the first class in French also; Dinsdale was in the first class in Latin, physics and geometry, and in the second class in algebra and trigonometry; Sprague was in the second class in English physics; and Misses Green and Hanna were in the second class in English. On the whole, taking into account the heavy course, the results were fairly satisfactory.

"About the matriculation class there is a very happy story to tell. In 1905 Miss Cockrell passed second in the whole Dominion, and first in British Columbia; in 1906 Nelson King passed third in the Dominion and first in the province; in 1907 Miss Rena Chandler and Miss Margaret Gladstone passed first and second respectively, not only in this province, but also in Canada. Each of these students was entitled to receive a scholarship from McGill, while each of the best matriculants in the province was entitled to a scholarship from the McGill Graduates' Society of B. C. The McGill scholarships are only granted to students who study at the university, and Miss Cockrell was the only student who took advantage of them. She received a scholarship of $200.

"The other matriculants also did well; of 35 candidates, 27 passed. No fewer than seven of these obtained over 75 per cent. of the maximum marks on all subjects, and were offered scholarships at McGill. You will see when the diplomas are given out that the marks of all the pupils were very high, from Miss Chandler's splendid mark of 91 per cent. to the lowest, which was as high as 50 per cent. on all subjects. Nelson King, who matriculated in 1906, this year tried for and obtained a first year exhibition of $150, tenable for two years. There are only two of these exhibitions, and King tied with a Montreal boy, who was the other successful candidate.

"Coming to the junior grade departmental examination, I have an equally pleasant report to make. Miss Jean Robinson—only 14 years of age—headed the province with the excellent average of 87 per cent. in fifteen subjects; 78 per cent. of our candidates passed; among them six received commercial diplomas, which were issued for the first time this year.

"The commercial department has been doing good work under Mr. Aaron Perry, who has left this school to take up a position as professor in the Okanagan Baptist college at Summerland. In Mr. Perry the school has lost a faithful and efficient teacher, whose departure all his colleagues regretted.

"This, in brief, is an account of the work in the high school during the past year. I may, however, add that the lower classes of the school are doing good work, and I trust that the next time a report is presented, results as good, if not better than those I have just given may be recorded.

"This school is crowded to its full capacity, the assembly room is used for typewriting and a commercial class, and my office is used for the second year in arts. The time has come when the college must be separated from the high school, and fresh accommodation prepared for its reception."

The report of W. Burns, principal of the Provincial Normal schools, shows that the total number of students enrolled during the advanced session was 58. Of these 50 received diplomas.

W. P. Argue, secretary of the Royal Institute of Learning, Vancouver, reported a total enrolments for the year of 48 students.

The council of public instruction has decided that in future there will be two examinations, a preliminary and an advanced, on the work prescribed for the junior grade of the high school. In July, 1908, there will be an examination on the preliminary course for those pupils who have attended high school for one year, while the examination for those who have attended high school for two years will embrace, as formerly, all the subjects of the present junior grade course; but in July, 1909, and thereafter, the preliminary examination will cover those subjects prescribed for the preliminary course, and the advanced examination will cover those subjects prescribed for the advanced course. The examination schedule will be so arranged that students (and teachers from the eastern provinces) who desire to complete their junior course in one year may write at one examination on all the subjects of the advanced course and on those subjects of the preliminary course which do not appear in the advanced course.

To the deaths of the late James C. Shaw, principal of the high school, Vancouver; Alexander Gilchrist, principal of the Fairview public school, Vancouver, F. H. Eaton, superintendent of education, alludes with regret.

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"Get enough, so I won't have to be particular with you in a sword fight, my dear Clement," Bandmann ordered. Never mind the cost. Tell Colonel Monestry to teach you to be as good as the best and send the bill to me. Clement took the word to the great swordsman and began his lessons. It was early summer. Every day for several weeks he fenced for hours. When the season was about to open he reported to Bandmann and a few days later the bill for his instructions in fencing came in. It read $375.

"Vat is this, Clement?" cried the tragedian. "Such a bill I cannot understand."

"You told me to go to Monestery and take lessons and you would settle the bill."

"Yes, yes, I did tell you to go to him for lessons, but I did not tell you to live with him."

However, that night Richard III. was the bill. When Bandmann, who was playing the cruel king, came upon Richmond in the field, he said under his breath: "Now we shall see what your summer boarding at a fencing school is worth." And Bandmann, who was an excellent swordsman, furiously attacked Clement in the shape of Richmond, and laid on him with such skill and vigor that the fire flew from their sword blades, and the audience sat breathless with the fury of the onslaught. But Clement had not been idle, and he fought the old actor with as much force and far greater coolness. The combat was perhaps one of the most notable of stage fights. Finally Bandmann cried: "Stab me, you young villain, kill me before I faint," and when he came off wringing wet and panting like a steam engine, he threw his arms about young Clement and said: "It was a high price to pay for instruction, Clement, a high price, but it was worth it, every cent."

Mr. Clement has returned to the Shakespearean drama, several of the tragedies being in his repertoire this season, so that his old skill with the sword is once more useful to him.

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TO-NIGHT'S PUBLIC MEETING.

There ought to be a large attendance of citizens at the public meeting to be held in the city hall this evening. There is no question that public feeling been aroused to a glowing heat by the action of the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature in mutilating the legislation submitted by the city council, and the intensity of this feeling has been increased by the partizan conduct of the chairman of that committee, who, notwithstanding the delicacy of the position he occupies as the solicitor of one of the corporations opposing the city's request, exercised what influence he possessed, by voice and plural votes, to accomplish the death of the bill. It is to give practical expression to the feelings engendered and in the hope of accomplishing something during the present session of the Legislature that the meeting has been called, we understand.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

The provincial government of New Brunswick, which was defeated at the polls yesterday, had been in power under various leaders for twenty-five years. Under the circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the people desired a change. Under almost exactly parallel conditions the people of Ontario voted for a new deal about four years ago. In the case of Ontario the confidence of the people in the government was never shaken in the slightest degree while Sir Oliver Mowat remained the master spirit of the administration. It was after the great provincial Liberal leader's translation to Ottawa that the forces of disintegration manifested themselves.

We are not sufficiently familiar with the local conditions in New Brunswick to account for the change in the political complexion of the province as a result of yesterday's elections. But an examination of the columns of the press of the province indicates that the campaign was conducted principally upon questions of local administration and that federal issues were not prominently before the people.

The New Brunswick government, like the government of Ontario which preceded the Whitney Conservative administration, has suffered from the draft of leading Liberals into the federal arena. Messrs. Blair, Emmerson and Pugsley are all strong men. Their withdrawal from the provincial government had a weakening effect, and the Conservative opposition has benefited by the process of attrition.

The opposition at Ottawa will of course claim, and naturally we admit, that the result in New Brunswick will be a severe blow to the Laurier government. Mr. Borden and his forlorn followers are sadly in need of some stimulating cordial. We are not going to attempt to deprive them of whatever crumbs of comfort they can gather from the defeat of Premier Robinson. At the same time we consider it our duty to point out certain facts lest Conservatives store up for themselves a grievous disappointment following the next Dominion general election.

New Brunswick does not send a solid Liberal contingent to support the Laurier government. In the federal field the strength of the two parties is fairly evenly divided. Even if it followed that because New Brunswick went Conservative in a provincial election she would be bound to show a like trend in a federal election, there would be little comfort to be extracted by Conservatives from such a process of deduction.

But Canadian political history does not indicate that the possession of power by any particular party in the provinces strengthens that party in the federal field. During a great portion of the time Ontario kept Sir Oliver Mowat in power it strongly sustained the Conservative administration of Sir John Macdonald. Whether it was the strong personality of the two leaders or the sharp distinction between Dominion and provincial issues that operated in maintaining such apparently contradictory conditions there is no means of determining. We are simply calling attention to facts.

Then there is another aspect of the political situation worthy of attention at this time when a great shout of exultation may be expected from Conservative headquarters at Ottawa. The administration of the Whitney government of Ontario has proved so unpopular during the few years that government has been in power that already there has been a great change in the political sentiment of the province. The federal government has gained some seats in bye-elections which were lost at the general elections. In the next general elections, owing to the popularity of Hon. George P. Graham, the federal leader from the province, and the reflex action of the Whitney government's dour disregard of the public interests, there is no question that the political equilibrium temporarily lost will be more than fully restored.

Consequently, even if it be conceded that the triumph of the Conservative opposition in New Brunswick predicates the loss of a federal seat or two in that province, there is no question that the Laurier government has increased in strength elsewhere. The original strength of the Liberal party in Ontario will be restored. It is stronger in Quebec than it ever was, if that be possible. Its policy has increased its prestige in the western provinces. Its leader stands in higher esteem than ever in all portions of Canada. His fame as a statesman is not confined to the bounds of the country he has served with fidelity and distinction. It is Imperial—world-wide. When the general elections are held, as we have said, it will be found after polling day that the majority behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons is the largest ever sent to Parliament in support of a government in this country.

ODIOUS COMPARISONS.

It is urged in extenuation of the act of the McBride government in granting the Grand Trunk Pacific Company an extensive estate at Prince Rupert that the Dominion government has conveyed to the same company two thousand five hundred acres of land at each divisional point of the road in the provinces in which the Dominion government possesses public lands. If the provincial government had followed the example of the Dominion government in this matter, we submit its policy would not have been a subject of criticism. Two thousand five hundred acres at Prince Rupert might be considered a reasonable allowance for terminal facilities. But the original grant to the company on Kaien Island embraced an area of ten thousad acres, for which it was only required to pay one dollar an acre, and this for the site of a city which will be one of the great commercial centres and distributing points on the Pacific Coast. On the other hand, according to the statements of the McBride government's special pleaders, the Dominion government is receiving three dollars an acre for its lands, besides retaining a quarter interest. And this price is exacted for land situated in the prairie provinces at points which can never, except in a very few instances, become of particular importance. In a word, the land the company is procuring from the Dominion it is obtaining at prices exceeding its market value. Can the same be said of the land on Kaien Island? Can such a position be maintained in face of the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company has agreed to pay ten dollars an acre for thirteen thousand acres contiguous to the land which was disposed of for one dollar an acre? The apology for the action of the McBride government, for its wanton sacrifice of the property of the public, is that the Dominion government has granted the company reasonable facilities at all divisional points and at all stations, for which property three dollars an acre has been charged. The facts are that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company has secured twenty thousand acres or more at Prince Rugert, that this property has been acquired chiefly for speculative purposes, and that the "unearned increment," instead of being applied for the benefit of its original owners, the people of British Columbia, from whom it should never have passed upon such ridiculous terms, will go to increase our list of millionaires, all of whom, actual or prospective, are the product of governments such as that of Premier McBride.

PROGRESS IN SHIPBUILDING.

No, the final word has not been spoken upon the subject of the size of steamships. Harland & Wolf, of Belfast, are constructing ways capable of accommodating a vessel one thousand feet long. This is about two hundred feet longer than the two "mammoth" Cunarders. The first vessel to be constructed upon the new ways will be a steamer for the White Star Line. Whether the vessel will be of the ocean greyhound class is not stated. But she will be of greater tonnage than the projected record-breaker of the German company which has added millions of pounds to its capital for the purpose of challenging the supremacy upon the Atlantic of the Cunard people. In the meantime the world may be excused for wondering where this rage for big things in ocean navigation is going to stop. There must be good money or a prospect of good money in great ocean-going steamships or shrewd capitalists would not be so ready to invest their funds in such enterprises. It is true Mr. J. J. Hill's ventures on the Pacific have not proven satisfactory. But it must be remembered that the Great Northern liners were not built in British yards. Mr. Hill has himself stated that they cost from 25 to 50 per cent. more than they would have cost had they been placed in the water under competitive conditions. They were unfortunate from the very beginning of their career. They were faulty in design and construction, always going wrong and meeting with mishaps. Indeed it is hinted the president of the Great Northern would not be deeply grieved should the Minnesota meet with a fate corresponding to that of her sister ship. So that the case of the Hill liners does not necessarily portend that we shall not presently have on the Pacific ships very much larger than the steam craft now plying in these waters. The leviathans are coming, and all concerned should not delay in providing for their accommodation. We must have a new dry dock on this section of the Pacific Coast. For business and strategic reasons this dock ought to be constructed at Esquimalt and it ought to be sufficiently capacious to meet the possible necessities of the next quarter of a century at least.

Heart-rending indeed is the story that comes from Cleveland, Ohio, today of the appalling catastrophe in which more than a hundred school children lost their lives. Newspaper men become accustomed to reading of horrors, but not a few of the oldest of the old timers in the business would have been glad had the task of preparing the Cleveland copy for the printers been entrusted to other hands. The lesson taught by such terrible accidents cannot be too carefully considered by trustees and other responsible public bodies.

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The Laurier government had a majority of 98 in the House of Commons yesterday. The majority, undoubtedly a record one, was secured in the vote on the adoption of the French Treaty. Nearly all the opposition spoke against the treaty, pointing out that it would kill the British preference and several Canadian industries. Then all but five of them voted for it. A fine example of Conservative methods under Mr. Borden's leadership.

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A. E. McPhillips, K. C., M. P. P., takes a deep interest in his constituents the beavers of the Islands. Would that the hon. member could be persuaded to display a like amount of solicitude for the people of Victoria, who will never be his constituents.

What Other People Think

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE WAY WE DEAL WITH OUR ROADS.

To the Editor—If anyone will go up Kane street and see the portion where the city has been laying pipes, they will see a very good example of road blundering. Apparently the macadam and gravel have been carefully put down below and the clay all put on top. Who can, after looking at this, gainsay the fact that we want a first-class, well paid road superintendent? I fail to see why because the Water Works department lays these pipes, someone from the engineer's department should not be in control to prevent such a mess as this.

F. B. PEMBERTON.

LET RIGHT BE DONE.

To the Editor—Every man and woman who wishes to see this city go ahead should endeavor to be present at to-night's meeting in the city hall. The people of Victoria want a cheap, plentiful and permanent supply of good water. They also want cheap light and power. But the city council can do nothing unless they get the necessary authority from the legislature.

And notwithstanding the action of the private bills committee and its chairman, A. E. McPhillips, K. C., M. P. P., (solicitor for the B. C. Electric Railway), it is not yet too late to have our wrongs righted. The legislature is still in session and the matter can be brought up again in the House. Let the people turn out to-night and show in no uncertain manner that they intend to insist upon their just rights, and that they shall not be at the mercy of two corporations who are trying to fasten a monstrous monopoly on our city and retard its growth, prosperity and progress.

JUSTICE.

A HOME FOR BEAVERS.

J. A. Macdonald—"Does the hon. member for the Islands mean to convey the idea that we should build houses for these beavers?"

A. E. McPhillips—"I can readily conceive how such a thing could be done."

(Extract from the report of the proceedings of the House of Parliament, March 3rd).

Of all distressing sights to see,
The sight which most distresses me,
Is when a beaver lone and lorn
Is cast abroad without a home.

Mere man may wander through the street
In filthy rags, with naked feet,
But when a beaver braves the night,
I feel convinced it is not right.

I do conceive, kind gentlemen,
How this great goodness can be done,
In nature's name, I now demand
Ye build a Pauper Beavers' Home.

F. DODSWORTH.

CONVERSAZIONE.

The Members of Church of Our Lord Celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

The members of the Church of Our Lord had a most enjoyable conversazione last night. There was a musical programme and a Limerick competition. The latter was a great addition to the evening's entertainment. A large number took part in the competition, and the first prize was won by Mrs. Thos. W. Gladstone for the following:

A king at his court kept a jester,
Who loved a fair maiden called Hester,
To wed her he yearned,
But his offer she spurned,
And sent him away with a tester.
Oh, Hester! my love, said the jester,
I thought you would be my fair Hester,
From you I went roaming, but there's no place like home,
And my next destination is Leicester.

—Otto Winde, the fireman on the freight boat Augustus, who stabbed the man Wolther last week, was sentenced this afternoon to six months' imprisonment. Mr. Prior prosecuted and G. H. Morphy defended.

L. DOOLAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, March 3.—L. Doolan, a railway constructor of the C. P. R. from the East to British Columbia and former police chief at Sandon, dropped dead in the Commercial hotel this morning.

JAPAN PUNISHED U. S. EMBEZZLERS

Utah Too Poor to Bring Them Back for Justice.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 3.—Because Utah did not have the money to bring back two embezzlers from Japan, the Mikado's government not only tried and convicted the offenders for a crime committed in this state, but has paid Utah for collecting and forwarding affidavits in the case.

The culprits fled from Brigam City, Utah, more than a year ago with more than $16,000 entrusted to them for safe keeping by 75 Japanese laborers employed in the beet fields. The men were traced to Japan and arrested there.

TIRADE AGAINST RACE TRACK GAMBLING

"Scandal of the First Order," Says Governor Hughes of New York.

Albany, N. Y., March 3.—Governor Hughes sent to-day to the Associated Press a message declining to give the name of alleged gambler whose letter implied that money would be used to prevent the enactment of the anti-race track gambling bills. In the course of his message the Governor expressed the hope that "nothing will divert your attention from the main issue," that of race track gambling, in defiance of the constitution, which he declared to be "a scandal of the first order and a disgrace to the state."

NEGRO ELECTROCUTED.

In Dying Statement He Hoped He Would Meet Everybody in Heaven.

Trenton, N. J., March 3.—George Wilson, a negro, was electrocuted at the state prison early to-day for the murder in December last of Fredk. Romer, an Orange, N. J., undertaker, who was killed in his room at an hotel.

The electrocution took place at 6 o'clock this morning. Wilson was accompanied to the chair by a negro clergyman, and while being strapped he asked the officials to wait a minute. Wilson then said he was entirely satisfied, that he was ready to die, and that he hoped to meet everybody in heaven. Death was instantaneous.

Wilson, after the murder of Romer, fled to Philadelphia, where he was arrested shortly after he had pawned a diamond ring. The ring had been the property of Romer.

DOUMA MAY EXPEL MEMBERS.

Committee Recommends Exclusion of Democrat and Socialist.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The committee of the Douma, which has had the matter under consideration, has decided to recommend the exclusion of M. Kolublakan, a Constitutional Democrat, and M. Kosorotoff, a Socialist. M. Kolublakan is the deputy from St. Petersburg whose surrender was demanded by the government because of the charge that he made a treasonable speech at Samara in 1906, while the minister of justice proposed that M. Kosorotoff be excluded from the Douma on account of a post-election speech at Ufa.

THREATENED PRIEST.

Man Arrested in Chicago for Demanding Money.

Chicago, March 3.—Frank Eijleck was arrested to-day charged with sending a threatening letter to a Roman Catholic clergyman, Procopius Nuzil, a prior of the Benedictine Fathers. The prisoner, who is 28 years old and lives at 584 Blue Island avenue, on the borders of the Ghetto district, admitted sending a demand for $1,000 to the priest, according to the police.

TRANS-ATLANTIC RATES.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—M. Peters, the representative in St. Petersburg of the trans-Atlantic steamship line, is at present endeavoring to secure the assent of the officials of the Russian lines running between Libau and New York to a passenger rate agreement. He has had already several conferences with officials of the volunteer fleet, but although the conditions offering to-day are better than formerly the Russians are, as yet, unwilling to abandon their liberty of action.

U. S. FARMERS FOR CANADA.

Detroit, Mich., March 3.—Forty-eight Michigan farmers, with seven carloads of stock and effects, have left for Western Canada under the direction of Canadian Government Agent McInhis.

ISLAND CUSTOM RECEIPTS.

Nanaimo, March 3.—The customs collections for the month of February are: Nanaimo, $5,156.38; Ladysmith, $1,382.10; Union Bay, $1,020.83; Chemainus, $401.23; Crofton, $9.30; New Alberni, $7.65; Alberni, $30.10; Courtenay, $25.60; Cumberland, $21.36. Total, $8,054.55.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Ralph Smith's Name Mentioned as Likely Appointee.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 3.—The evening papers are mentioning Ralph Smith's name as one of the new railway commissioners when the board is increased.

BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, March 3.—Hon. W. S. Fielding said that as soon as the French treaty was disposed of he would announce a date for the budget which would be shortly. He hoped the treaty would be passed to-day.

SAFE CRACKERS' ESCAPE.

Looted Ohio Bank of $3,000 in Securities and Currency.

Cincinnati, O., March 4.—Safe crackers early to-day robbed the Mount Orab Bank in Mount Orab, Ohio, 40 miles east of Cincinnati, of $3,000 of securities and currency. The robbers escaped.

New Arrivals in Misses' and Children's Spring Dresses

We have just received a splendid assortment of Misses' and Children's Dresses, in all the latest washing materials. Of late we have had many calls for this class of clothing, but unfortunately the shipment was delayed. They are in colored effects in checks and stripe effects, also Buster Brown styles in English Cambrics and Ginghams. Some made in Sailor style with full blouse and deep collar edged with four rows of white braid, with full skirt made with deep hem at bottom, short sleeve with turnover cuff, while others of the Buster Brown style are made with short sleeves finished with narrow tucks of red, yoke made of same, also in white at prices ranging from 50c to $10.00

New Spring Muslins

The showing of beautiful new Spring Organdie Muslins which is to be seen on the tables, first floor, is indeed a most charming one. It is just like going through a lovely flower garden to pass along these tables. The blending of the colors and daintiness is much out of the ordinary. Per yard, 50c, 35c, 25c and 15c

Fine Stationery

Select your note paper with care and consideration, as in quality and style of stationery used is reflected the taste and character of the writer. Eton Hurlbut's Berkshire Linen has that firmness of quality and finish which can only be given to the highest grade of paper, while the price is indeed modest. Per quire 25c

Handsome New Styles in Ladies' Belts Just Arrived

Every day adds more and more to the many departments, and we have just unpacked a few new styles in Ladies' Belts. These are in the very latest styles in Tinsel and Gold Braided effects, which is one of the leading style features in the trimming effects this season. Then, too, there are the silk in plain colors. Priced from 25c

New Spring Fabrics

This early display of the newest Fabrics for 1908 is a remarkably fine one and we are especially proud of the many exclusive weaves where only one, two or three dress patterns of a kind have been imported. This emphasizes the value of making early selections, while you will find the prices the lowest consistent with quality.

New Squaw Bags

Just received, the new Squaw Bags, these are all the rage, are made of leather of good quality in plain and fancy effects.

Squaw Bags with teddy bear decoration for children 25c
Squaw Bags for ladies, well made with leather handles 50c
Squaw Bags in black, browns, very fancy, $1.50, $1.25, $1.00 and 75c

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The new Gloves are here in both long and short lengths. The finest qualities that the cleverest glove manufacturers can produce are to be had here. Women of taste will be fascinated by the many delicate Spring tints, which are shown in plenty, while they are the best possible values.

Ladies' Lisle Gloves, 18 in., in black, white and cream 50c
Ladies' Lisle Gloves, 20 in., grey, navy, black and white 75c
Ladies' Satin Finish Lisle Gloves, 20 in., in black, white, cream, navy and tan 75c
Ladies' Lisle Gloves, 20 in., in black, white, grey and navy 85c
Ladies' Silk Taffeta Gloves, 20 in., in black, white and cream $1.00
Ladies' Silk Taffeta, 24 inches, in black, white and grey $1.25

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WEDDING TO-NIGHT.

Miss Alice Roach and Mr. G. H. Bissell to Be United in Marriage.

To-night at 7.30 at 857 Pandora street, the home of the bride's mother, will take place the marriage of Miss Alice Roach, well known in musical circles, and G. H. Bissell, a young business man of this city. The Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Metropolitan Methodist church, will officiate. Miss Lucy Roach, sister of the bride, will act as bridesmaid, and M. C. Cuzner as bridegroom.

The bride's wedding dress is a cream satin draped with chiffon and trimmed with baby ribbon. The bridesmaid's a pink silk voile.

The happy pair leave for Vancouver and the Sound cities by the Princess Victoria, and on their return they will reside on St. Andrew's street, James Bay.

Among the numerous presents (150 in all), the following are specially noteworthy: A tea set, Dresden China, hand painted, presented by Miss Gregg, of Winnipeg; a cabinet of silver forks, knives and spoons, presented to the bride by her former employers, Messrs. Waitt & Co.; a Morris chair to Mr. Bissell by his own employees, and a set of salt cellars and spoons by music teachers in town to the bride.

NEW INDUSTRY.

Perfume Manufactured in This City Equal in Quality to Parisian Article.

Among the numerous wholesale houses which have made Victoria their place of business during the last few months is the Victoria Perfumery Co. This company, which has its place of business in Langley street, is managed by A. A. Saunders and J. Hobson. Mr. Saunders has had thirty years' experience in the same business in Oxford street, London, England, and therefore is in a position to substantiate the claim that the firm puts forward, namely, that the perfumes which are manufactured by them are equal to the best which Paris can produce.

SEED GRAIN FOR WEST.

Charlottetown, March 3.—Fifty thousand bushels of seed oats for Western Canada have been carried across the Straits, being carefully inspected by the seed inspectors for the maritime provinces and expert grain graders from Montreal.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

Opening of Lenten Season Fittingly Observed.

To-day being Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, there was a celebration of the holy eucharist at the St. Barnabas' church early this morning, and communation service and matins at 11 o'clock. At 7.30 this evening there will be a lantern service, illustrating the journeyings of the children of Israel. Appropriate hymns will be sung.

This evening there will be evensong with a sermon in St. John's church at 8 o'clock.

WITH COSTS.

Judgment Given in Supreme Court in Favor of Elizabeth Storey.

At the Supreme court this morning judgment was delivered in the action between Emma Williams, plaintiff, and Elizabeth W. H. Storey.

Mr. Justice Irving found in favor of the defendant with costs.

H. B. Robertson appeared for the plaintiff, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., and F. Peters, K. C., for the defendant.

The court adjourned until Monday next.

MARINE NOTES.

The Cunard Line has advised E. E. Blackwood, the Victoria agent, that the R. M. S. Mauretania arrived at New York Saturday with 1,313 passengers from Liverpool. The passengers were divided up into 225 first class, 408 second class, and 650 third class.

The Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia is due to load coal at Ladysmith to-day. After leaving bunkers she will come down to the outer wharf and load a consignment of creosoted lumber for her next trip South. The Georgia is scheduled to leave for Mexico on Friday or Saturday.

The steamer Venture, of the Boscowitz Steamship Company, will leave to-night for the North. The Venture has a small cargo and has only a small passenger list. She will make special calls at Kitamaat and Matlakatla.

CONDEMNS CONSERVATIVES.

(Special to The Times.)

Montreal, March 3.—The Montreal Star has a strong article condemning the Conservatives as obstructionists, pure and simple.

ON SOCIALISM.

A Canadian Will Lecture in England Against the New Propaganda.

A counter movement is springing up in many quarters against the very active propaganda which the Socialists of England, particularly those of the capital, have been carrying on for some time. Among others who have entered the lists, Canadians may be interested to know that T. B. Browning, M. A., formerly a barrister of Toronto, but now practising in this city, is announced to deliver a course of lectures on the subject at the Workingmen's College, Crowndale road, of which Professor Dicey is principal. The opening lecture deals with the economic side of the question; it is to be followed by an examination of the political and municipal programmes put forth, and the series will end with an historical review.

COMPANIES INDICTED.

'Frisco Railroad Charged With Giving Rebates to Lumber Concern.

St. Louis, Mo., March 3.—Indictments charging the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company with the granting of rebates, and the Chapman Dewey Lumber Company of Kansas City, Mo., with accepting rebates, were returned by the federal grand jury to-day.

There were thirteen counts in each of the indictments charging the 'Frisco Railroad Company with giving rebates to the lumber company on that number of shipments and the lumber company accepting the rebates. The various counts are based on shipments of lumber said to have been made by the 'Frisco Railroad Company for the lumber company in April, May, June and July, 1905, from points in Arkansas to St. Louis.

MORE TROOPS FOR MOROCCO.

Aggressive Policy of France to Be Continued.

Paris, March 3.—The cabinet to-day voted formally to send 4,000 additional troops to Morocco to continue the aggressive policy of the government in that country and relieve the troops who are worn out in the recent fighting with the Moors. Parliament will be asked to appropriate the sum of $500,000 for general relief as well as improvement work in Morocco.

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Local News

—The most complete assortment of spring shapes, flowers and bonnets at the Elite.

—Removal Sale of Stoves, Ranges, etc. A. J. Clyde, 42 Johnson Street.

—Try the 35c lunch and dinner at the Cosy Corner Cafe.

—Tires, wheels and repairs for go-carts, 59 Government street.

—Strong shopping bags in all styles and colorings have just come to hand. See our 25c. line.—Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.

—The monumental works of the late Jos. E. Phillips has been taken over by his sons, and all work entrusted to them will receive careful attention.

—The total clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending March 3rd were $948,418.

—Citizens are asked not to forget the meeting to discuss the water question to be held in the city hall to-night at 8 p.m.

—An official bulletin has just been issued by the provincial government dealing with the Alberni district. It is beautifully illustrated with half tone engravings made by the B. C. Engraving Company, and is a credit both to the government printers, the compilers and the engravers.

—Victoria Nest, No. 10, Brotherhood of Owls, will hold a social session at the end of the regular business meeting to-morrow evening. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present as a good time is promised all who attend.

—The concert in aid of A. A. Furman, to be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, to-morrow night, promises to be a grand success. The committee of Western Star Lodge, No. 1, A. O. U. W., who have the programme in hand, have secured some of the best talent in the city, besides which they will present some new and novel features.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Madame Adgie and Her Lions Prove a Big Attraction.

The Pantages presents a programme this week that is hard to equal, and crowded houses have been the rule so far since the opening performance. Madame Adgié and her lions is certainly one of the most sensational acts that has yet visited this city. Her performance is most marvellous and well worth seeing. The other numbers that contribute are all first-class and the merits of the acts readily justify it an all-feature show in every particular. Chas. Riley, the descriptive singer, has a neat and entertaining turn and makes a good impression. Themas & Payne are a clever pair of entertainers, good singers and dancers, and introduce something new in the tropsichorean line, which pleases well. The three Kuhns are experts in their particular line and as vocal and instrumental comedy artists are a decided success. They have made a big hit at every performance. Harry De Verra, the song illustrator, sings in his usual pleasing manner and the Pantagescope with its interesting film concludes one of the best performances the house has had for some time.

"DREAM CITY."

Musical Comedy at Theatre Last Night Drew Fair Crowd.

"Dream City," the musical comedy which was produced last night at the Victoria theatre before a very fair audience, will never rank among the best pieces which have been presented to the world in this particular type of stage work. The lyrics are not very tuneful, the dialogue, although good in parts, cannot be said to be more than smart, and the general effect of the piece upon the mind of the hardened playgoer is that it is, as the Scotchman said, on another subject, "Nae sae bad." But if the play is not all that it might be, the actors who present it are considerably better than the piece itself. Little Chip, who takes the part of the dreamy Dinglebender and really what they call in "the profession" "all the fat," is a good comedian, reminding one at times of Wille Edouin, and this is no mean praise. Mary Marble, the freak daughter of Dinglebender, made a distinct hit and took every advantage of the many opportunities which her broad comedy part gave to her. Robert Harty, the real estate agent and boomer, possesses a good voice and acted his part with that degree of completeness which is only attained by a long experience. The rest of the cast performed their functions without serious errors.

Of the dresses it is not wise to say too much except, perhaps, that the white skirts which were worn by the ladies of the chorus in the second act would be a good deal whiter if they were washed. But, after all, this is only conjecture.

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POPULAR OPINION SUPPORTS SCHEME

The Beautifying of Victoria One of Live Issues of To-day.

Everyone is now interested in the movement to beautify the city of Victoria. Reporters and officials are constantly stopped on the street and congratulated on the stand being taken. It is a vital question with the citizens; one that touches everyone personally. The following letter dealing with the subject is an indication of the prevailing feeling:

The Editor the Victoria Daily Times, Victoria:

Sir—I have read with interest your reports of interviews with various prominent citizens with respect to the boulevarding of Victoria, and, although not a prominent citizen, I take the opportunity of expressing my approval of the good work you are doing in the furtherance of this movement. Victoria is beautiful despite Victoria. Such beauty as the city possesses is the gift of nature, for what the hand of man has done for it is nothing to boast of. "Beatuiful but bedraggled," to quote from a letter in an Old Country paper recently reproduced in your columns, correctly describes it. Place Victoria on a prairie location, perhaps leaving out the parliament buildings, the Empress hotel, the Carnegie library and two or three other structures, and its claim to beauty would not be great. Nature has been prodigal in the beauty it has bestowed on the Victoria district; let man now perform the small inexpensive part of boulevarding the streets, and, I venture to say, the attractiveness of the city will be doubled. The trees would do much to draw the eyes of visitors away from "the unsightly shacks," so frequently referred to. When the work is done there will be no doubt in the mind of anyone of the benefit of it, and nothing will more conduce to the rapid filling up of the city with a desirable residential population than the success of this movement that you have the credit of initiating.

Yours truly,
S. G. FETHERSTON.
Woodlands, Cedar Vale, Victoria, 3rd March, 1908.

SITE CHOSEN FOR NEW FAIR BUILDINGS

Directors Visited Grounds and Made Final Arrangements.

The directors of the B. C. Agricultural Association went out to the exhibition grounds yesterday morning to look at the two proposed sites for the new buildings. They held a meeting in the afternoon and finally decided as the best location a site lying from 600 to 700 feet west of the old site. The new buildings will be 230 feet long and will eclipse anything of their kind to be found in Canada. Architects have been invited to send in competing designs before the 20th of this month. The work of building will start early in April. The prize list is in course of preparation and is expected to be a record list. J. E. Smart, secretary, kindly gave the Times representative the following figures:

Cost of main building	$12,000
Machinery building	8,000
New stables (old ones to be demolished)	5,000
Poultry buildings	4,000
Restaurant	4,000
Dairy building	2,000

Making a total of $35,000 to be spent.

—The twelfth triennial convention of the International Sunday School Association will be held in Louisville, Ky., from June 18th to 23rd. Noah Shakespeare has been chosen to represent British Columbia at the convention, and is endeavoring to plan his work so that he may be able to attend the sessions.

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INTERESTING SCENES IN POLICE COURT

Cross Fire Between J. A. Aikman and Magistrate Jay.

The proceedings at the police court this morning were brighter than they have been for a long and uneventful day. This desirable consummation was not brought about by any very sensational case and although the incidents which occurred, possessed humor in a very large degree, pathos was not included in their attributes.

After four melancholy, thirsty and dejected drunks had been dealt with in the ordinary way and vanished either into the cells or into the outer world according to the state of their finances, the case of Miss Estella Carroll was called. This case had been adjourned from yesterday and the charge against Miss Carroll was one of "keeping a bawdy house."

The chief of police called Constable Heather. The constable was duly sworn, but, like the ancient mariner, "never a word spake he." No sooner had the good Heather taken his seat on the stand and settled himself down to tell the court the story of his visit to the palace of Miss Carroll than Mr. J. A. Aikman interposed with the fatal words, "I object."

"I object," repeated Mr. Aikman "to any evidence being given by this witness with reference to any admissions which my client may have made to the witness during his visit to the house. The reason for my objection is that he did not give the statutory warning which every policeman must give before he can use a statement made by an accused person or by a person who may subsequently be brought before a court in connection with the same matter." And Mr. Aikman read a long, learned and comprehensive judgment on this point which had been delivered by five judges in England on the matter. The magistrate listened with much attention and Chief Langley expostulated mildly and with dignity.

"I am not here," said the chief, "to go into legal arguments with Mr. Aikman and therefore I would ask your Honor to adjourn the case so that I can communicate with the attorney-general and obtain counsel." The court could not see its way to do this and suggested that the chief should ask the witness how the conversation had come about.

"How did the conversation come about?" asked the chief, surmising doubtless that the way would now be easy.

But, like the Raven who sat upon the door, Mr. Aikman repeated himself.

"I object," he said.

After an interval of conversation the witness stated that he had gone to the house with Sergt. Walker. He did not

"If this sort of thing is going to the house. He did not know anything about it and what was more he was not interested in the very least.

Things seemed to be at a deadlock.

"If this sort of think is going to happen," said the chief, "the hands of the police will be held altogether. We shall be able to do nothing." This prospect, bad as it was, did not terrify the court and Mr. Aikman rose to cross examine the witness.

"Did you give the defendant any warning?"

And Constabe Heather said: "No, I did not." Then he informed the court that the which Sergt. Walker had had in view when he visited the house was to obtain the names of the girls there.

Mr. Aikman reminded him that he had said that he did not know, but he denied his ignorance. "I didn't say that I didn't know what he went for."

This sentence was involved and savored of the habits of the ancient Greeks in the matter of a nagative, but the court understood.

The magistrate ruled that the evidence of Constable Heather was inadmissible and the constable left the box with his story still untold.

"That," said the chief, "is the case for the prosecution."

Mr. Aikman replied. He submitted that the case had not been made out. All the evidence that the court had before it was the evidence of three or four police officers who had visited the house and who had watched the house. They had seen three or four respectable men enter the house and they had seen one person who was in a state of intoxication refused admittance. The same thing might be said about any hotel or any private house in the city. He then referred to the case of the King vs. Osborne in which the constitution of a bawdy house was clearly laid down.

The magistrate, in delivering his judgment, said: "I have come to the conclusion that the offence which is alleged against the defendant has been proved. On the 8th of February she was fined for the same offence.

"I would point out to your Honor that you cannot consider the previous convictions," said Mr. Aikman.

"Oh yes, I can," said Mr. Jay.

"Oh no, you can't," said Mr. Aikman.

But his Honor evidently thought that he could because he went on to say that it was proved to his satisfaction that on the 23rd of February she was still living in the same place and that upon that date there were three women in the house. Also men had been seen to go there in hacks and automobiles.

Mr. Aikman was not going to listen to all this without saying something.

"You must dismiss that from your mind. I mean the previous conviction" he pleaded.

But the magistrate did not do anything like it.

"The defendant will be fined $90 which will be payable within five days."

Mr. Aikman announced his intention of either appealing or applying for a writ of ceratrorari. "My client is worth between $12,000 and $15,000," announced Mr. Aikman for the information of the court.

"Next case," said the magistrate and all was over for the time being.

But the morning seemed to tend to levity and Mr. Low had something interesting to say about a gentleman of the name of Mason who has been dividing his time equally between Seattle and Victoria for some years and to whom the dignity of labor does not appeal. Hence he was gathered in by the police and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment yesterday as a vagrant.

"My client," said Mr. Low, "pleaded guilty under the impression that if he did that he would be let off with a fine."

"And who put that idea into his head?" inquired Mr. Jay mildly.

The chief said that Mason had changed his plea of his own volition. Mr. Low waxed pathetic and said that his client had work in the North.

"If I should accede to your request," said the magistrate, "I should have to consult the convenience of every accused person before I sent him to gaol. The matter is beyond my jurisdiction entirely."

Mr. Low said things about the attorney general and appeals. When he had finished the end came.

"The court is adjourned," said the policeman. And the actors faded away.

—The funeral took place to-day from Hanna's undertaking parlors of John Pascoe, of 1027 Caledonia avenue. Deceased was 47 years of age, a native of Camborne, Cornwall, Eng., and has been a resident of Victoria for the last 20 years. For many years he was superintendent of the Dominion government drilling plant in Victoria harbor. Deceased is survived by a wife and two sons. The services were conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, the members of Court Vancouver, A. O. F., of which deceased was a member, attending in a body.

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VICTORIA WEST ORGANIZE

LACROSSE ENTHUSIASTS HOLD MEETING

Officers Elected and Grounds Chosen for Coming Season.

Last evening there was a meeting in the Victoria West A. A. gymnasium, where a lacrosse team was organized for the coming season. There was a large attendance and the enthusiasm was very great. Among those present were W. Crocker, T. Cessford, A. Stevens, H. Brown, A. Kirk, C. Stringer, A. Corkle, J. Bailey, P. Wilson, W. Johnson, W. Okell, H. Fairall, A. Ross, E. Harris, F. Young, S. Okell, G. Okell, F. Jenkins and Bob Foster.

The prospects for the year seemed very good. A field has been secured behind the Marine hospital on the Indian Reserve, and regular practices will commence at once.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Captain, W. Crocker; manager and coach, A. Stevens; secretary-treasurer, F. Young. Honorary members, Ray Goodacre, Geo. North. The above officers are all old players and under their management the success of the club is already assured.

A. Stevens and W. Crocker were appointed delegates to the big lacrosse meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night.

The list of players who have signified their intention of playing with the Wests are as follows: W. Crocker, A. Stevens, F. Young, T. Cessford, H. Brown, C. Stringer, A. Corkle, J. Bailey, P. Wilson, W. Johnson, W. Okell, E. Harris, P. Grey, S. Okell, W. Stewart, W Battersby, C. Sedger, W. Prevost, A. Campbell, W. Tait, J. Hancock, F. Jenkins, F. Kroeger, B. Stewart, C. Fairall, W. Fairall, J. Fairall, G. Brown, C. Brown, J. McBeach, C. Medgridge, C. Burnette, Arnold, S. Ross.

Meeting adjourned till next Tuesday evening, when delegates will make reports of the big meeting, and further arrangements for the season made.

BASKETBALL.

NO WESTERN LEAGUE.

It is not likely that there will be any Western Canada baseball league this coming season, and from all appearances it looks as if the prairie provinces were to do without the professional article for the present. Last year there were four teams in the Alberta league and not one of them finished the season with a balance on the right side of the books. The league last year was formed of teams representing Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton and every one of these clubs, even the winners of the pennant—Medicine Hat—lost large pots of money on the season's transactions. The Winnipeg Tribune comments on the situation as follows:

"A classy article of ball was furnished last year in the western organization and the fans educated to this standard would hardly stand for anything inferior in the professional line. To again give this quality of ball high salaries will necessarily have to be paid and here again is where the shoe will likely pinch. This is not said in any effort to belittle the sporting standing of western enthusiasts, but is considered from a business standpoint."

A prominent Medicine Hat sporting man was seen the other day regarding the situation and made the following statement:

"Every club lost money last year, and those that were interested are not showing any keen desire to again pose as magnates. Calgary may be excepted from the number as the people there have been talking of again forming the circuit, but at that they are going about it only in a half-hearted way.

"Medicine Hat owners lost a considerable amount of money, principally through the expenses connected with the securing and bringing a team to the West. All of the players were picked up in the New England States and to make the trip to the Hat, entailed a heavy expense. Exhibition games were played on the way and these did not pan out with the result expected and when the season opened the local management was face to face with a heavy loss. The players were given good salaries and even though the Hat won the pennant, a big loss was incurred on the season's play, and figuring it out from this experience the odds are that Medicine Hat will not have a professional baseball team this summer."

HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS.

There was a basketball game last evening between the Emmanuel Baptist team and the J. B. A. A. intermediates, which ended in a win for the Emmanuels by a score of 16 to 15 and incidently gave the high school team the championship of the intermediate league. The game was of the closest character and one of the best of the whole intermediate series. At half time the score stood 9 to 7 in favor of the Bays. This lead was continued until the last stages of the game and then through the fine shooting of the Emmanuel forwards the score was made even within one minute of time. Fortunately for the Baptists they gained a foul and as a result Lory netted a free shot and won the game on a single point. The result proclaims the High school team champions of the city by two points. The teams in last night's game lined up as follows:

Bays.		Baptists
Menzies	Guards	Brynjolfson
Donaldson		Hillier
Dakers	Centre	Lory
Cox	Forwards	Barnes
Todd		Johnson

Standing of the League.

	Plyd.	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
High School	6	4	2	8
Emmanuel Baptists.	6	3	3	6
J. B. A. A.	6	3	3	6
V. W. A. A.	6	2	4	4

J. B. A. A. vs. Y. M. C. A.

Interest in the big basketball game to be played in the assembly roller rink to-morrow night is developing unusual and unprecedented enthusiasm on the part of the teams engaged. From the past performances of the two teams it will readily be seen that the game can be nothing else but a hummer from start to finish. There have been two games between the J. B. A. A. and Y. M. C. A. teams this season in the city league and both teams can claim equal point, each having won one game and each having won by just one point. With this previous record of games played each club has the right to think itself the better and the members of the two organizations are rampant in their assertions regarding their favorites.

In the J. B. A. A. camp, manager Donaldson is getting his men into shape and has them into line with the fastest of the Bay's men almost every evening. The three Daker boys will again be in line and the calibre of their play is well known to be the best the city can produce. Arthur Dakers will again be in the game after a rest of some weeks' duration.

The Y. M. C. A. team is not going to take any chances by resting on any formerly won laurels and can be depended upon to put up a brand of basketball that has certainly never been beaten in Victoria. The team was out under the direction of Instructor Findlay last night and a fast practice lasting an hour was obtained without a let-up, showing that the boys are in the best of condition to stand any sort play, and as far as shooting baskets are concerned were never in a better condition. "Jimmie" Petticrew will be in the game and the presence of a player who has ability surpassed by none will be of infinite strength to the Y. M. C. A. boys. The game is advertised to start at 8.30 sharp. There will be roller skating both before and after the game, so that a record crowd will be sure to turn out for the game. The teams will line-up as follows:

Y.M.C.A.		J.B.A.A.
Roskamp	Guards	Jim Dakers
McKitrick		Cousins
Petticrew	Centre	Joe Dakers
T. Peden	Forward	R. Peden
Whyte		A. Dakers

Referee, Frank Smith.

WRESTLING.

HOLM CHALLENGED.

J. Deacon of Portage la Prairie, has challenged A. Holm of Calgary, to a wrestling contest at which the lightweight championship of Alberta can be decided. Holm has for some time adopted the title of "lightweight champion of Alberta," but as yet has had few challenges of a serious nature. Deacon is reputed to have considerable ability on the mat, and the match, which will no doubt come off, is causing considerable interest in the ranching city. Deacon is willing to back himself up to any amount, but Holm is not without his coterie of supporters, and is thought capable of beating his challenger.

THE RING.

MILLER BEATS RITCHIE.

Vancouver, March 3.—Driver Miller brought home the money last night in his scheduled fifteen-round bout with Bob Ritchie, lightweight champion of British Columbia, at the North Vancouver Athletic Club, and altogether upset the calculations of most of the local boxing enthusiasts who could see nothing but a Ritchie victory. Miller made it soon too, registering a clean knockout in the third round.

THE RING.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE.

Kid Foley, of Nanaimo, issued a challenge through the Times a short time ago to box Sammy Dufty, of Esquimalt, and this is not to be allowed to go unanswered by the Esquimalt boxer. Sammy Dufty, in company with his manager, called at the Times office this morning and made the following statement: "I challenge Kid Foley, of Nanaimo, to a boxing bout at 136 pounds of either 10 or 15 rounds. The gate could either be divided with 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser or the winner could take all. Foley is at liberty to take his choice of these terms. The fight could be held either in Nanaimo or at the Victoria West Athletic Association hall. The officials of the club will, if wished, put up a purse for the winner. I am wishful to arrange the boxing bout as soon as possible and the match can be arranged soon after the articles come down."

In connection with the above challenge, W. Baker, the manager of Dufty stated that there would in all probability be several preliminary bouts and the whole evening would be given over to the sport. The Nanaimo Herald is asked to insert the challenge and the reply can either come through mails to the sporting editor of the Times or through the Nanaimo papers.

An early reply is requested.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

THE KELOWNA TOUR.

Secretary Galloway, of the Nanaimo United Football Club, has received word from the Kelowna club which is to play in Victoria next Saturday, that the club will play in Nanaimo next Sunday afternoon. This news changes the schedule of the Kelowna's as published in last night's Times, whereby the visiting team will play Nanaimo instead of Ladysmith.

ENGLISH RESULTS.

The results of last Saturday's games in the several English leagues were as follows:

Southern League.

Brantford, 4; Westham United, 0.
Bristol Rovers, 1; Plymouth Argyle, 0.
Lelton, 1; Southampton, 1.
Reading, 0; Northampton, 1.
Watsford, 1; Norwich City, 0.
Millall, 0; Queen's Park Rangers, 0.
Bradford, 1; Tottenham Hotspurs, 2.
Portsmouth, 2; Swindon, 0.
Brighton and Hove, 0; Chystal Palace, 1.
New Brompton, 0; Luton, 1.

Second League.

Grimsby Town, 0; Burnley, 1.
Stockport County, 2; Hull City, 3.
Blackpool, 1; Stoke, 0.
Leeds City, 0; Fulham, 1.
Oldham Athletic, 4; Chesterfield, 0.
Clapton Orient, 2; Barnsley, 0.
Leicester Fosse, 3; West Bromwich Albion, 0.
Glossop, 2; Bradford City, 2.
Gainsborough Trinity, 1; Derby County, 4.
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 3; Lincoln City, 0.

Scottish League.

Dundee, 2; Falkirk, 2.
Kilmarnock, 1; Aberdeen, 0.
Celtic, 1; Third Lanark, 1.
Greenock Morton, 1; St. Mirren, 1.
Queen's Park, 4; Clyde, 1.
Glasgow Rangers, 2; Pride of Midlothian, 1.
Hamilton Academicals, 2; Airdrionians, 1.

International Rugby.

Ireland, 16; Scotland, 11.

Other Matches.

Cardiff, 14; London Welsh, 5.
Devon Albion, 0; Plymouth, 0.
Swansea, 5; Newport, 3.
Old Merchants Taylor, 21; Marlborough Nomads, 6.

HOCKEY.

WANDERERS WON STANLEY CUP.

Montreal, March 3.—In the great hockey match on Saturday night, the Wanderers, of this city, defeated the Ottawas, of Ottawa, by a score of 4 to 2.

There was an enormous crowd present, and the game was fast and exciting from start to finish.

The game was the last of the series. Each of the contending teams had won eight and lost two games. The match decided the Eastern League championship in favor of the Wanderers, and the winners come into possession of the Stanley cup for this season in the East.

Percy Quinn, of Toronto, refereed the game.

A great deal of money was wagered on the match.

The Maple Leafs have already announced their intention of going after the cup.

THE OAR.

DURNAN CHALLENGES WEBB.

Toronto, March 3.—"Will row you for world's championship and $1,000 side bet in New Zealand, November, or Toronto, September, give or take £150 expenses, or on Thames, each man pay own expenses."

Such was the challenge Eddie Durnan, the Toronto oarsman, who defeated Tom Sullivan here three years ago, and was defeated by Charles Towns in Australia last March, cabled to William Webb, the title holder, immediately upon receipt of the news of the latter's victory over Charles Tressider, the challenger.

CRICKET.

OAK BAY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Oak Bay Cricket Club will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the office of the B. C. Electric Railway Co., Broughton street. The election of officers will take place and arrangements be made for the season's play at Beacon Hill. The club has secured permission to play on the old Victoria cricket grounds at Beacon Hill, and when that ground is rolled and the grass mown the club will possess one of the finest cricket pitches in Canada. The meeting of the club on Friday will be a general one.

ATHLETICS.

DAN. KELLY DEFEATED.

New York, March 3.—Lawson Robertson, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, who won the sixty-yard invitation race at the Sixty-Ninth Regiment games in Madison Square Garden last night, defeating Dan. Kelly, the Western sprinter, ended the race nearly a yard ahead.

The time was given out as seven seconds, but this was disputed, the measurement of the course having revealed the fact that it was five yards over the distance, and that Robertson's time was really about 6 2-5 seconds.

The value of $25,000,000 placed on the annual output of honey puts this farm crop only slightly behind raw cane sugar, which had a valuation at the refineries of $28,000,000.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR KENNEL CLUB SHOW

Elaborate List of Prizes Secured for Event Next Month.

At a meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club held last Monday evening, and reported in last night's Times, the bench committee drew up a list of special prizes for the next annual show, which is to be held in the drill hall on April 1st to 4th. Besides the prize list printed below there will be the regular cash prizes given in every class for first, second and third awards. The committee is working energetically and at the time the show opens it will be the biggest and best ever held in Victoria. The prize list is away ahead of anything ever offered here before and besides the following specials contains numerous other classes and also a cat class. The prize list is now in the printers' hands and will be published in a few days:

The Victoria members of the legislative assembly offer cup for the best dog or bitch in the show.

Dr. Garesche, president of the V. C. K. C., offers cup for the best brace of sporting dogs, independent of sex.

Mr. Pendray gives a box of White Swan soap to the best conditioned kennel in the show.

Mr. Large donates gold nugget for best dog owned and shown by a lady.

The Christie Shoe Co., pair slippers for best in opposite sex.

V. C. K. C. offer cup for the best cat in show, and a medal for the best in each breed.

St. Bernards—F. Carne, goods, value $2, best in the show.

Great Danes—Special, to be provided for.

Scottish Deerhounds—V. C. K. C. offers cup for best in show.

Chesapeake Bay Dogs—Terry & Marret offer pair brushes, value $5, for best in show.

English Setters—Weiler Bros., cup for best in show; Mayor Hall, opposite sex; W. H. Wilkerson, open class; S. Goodacre, limit class; Miss Davie, novice class; Mrs. J. S. Hickford, puppy class.

Irish Setters—Hon. D. M. Eberts, cup for the best in the show; J. S. Hickford, opposite sex; Kingham & Co., best puppy; Geo. Florence, opposite sex.

Gordon Setters—W. Winsby offers medal for the best bitch; T. C. Smith, cup, opposite sex; Baker Shoe Co., pair slippers, best puppy; Mr. Blyth, brooch, best opposite sex.

Pointers—Mayor Hall, cup for best in show; J. A. Sayward, cup for the best opposite sex; Hinton Electric Co., flash light, for the best puppy dog; Barnsley & Co., goods, for the best puppy bitch; Mr. J. McDonald, cash, $1, for the best puppy, either sex; T. P. McConnell, cup, for the best novice class.

Irish Water Spaniels—Scott & Peden, medal, for the best in the show; E. A. Morris, pipe and case, for the best opposite sex.

Field Spaniels—Drake & Horn, goods, value $2, for best in the show.

Clumber Spaniels—H. L. Salmon, pipe in case, for the best in the show.

Cocker Spaniels—W. Bridgman, medal, for the best puppy; Geo. Powell & Son, Jardiniere, for the best of opposite sex.

Cocker Spaniels (black), weight not to exceed 26 pounds—C. Wenger, cup, for the best in the show; C. Redfern, opposite sex; T. Plimley, goods, value $2, best in novice class; E. G. Prior & Co., pair carvers, value $2.50, best of opposite sex.

Cocker Spaniels, any solid color other than black, weight not to exceed 26 pounds—Times Printing Co., cup, best in show; J. M. Whitney Co., cup, best of opposite sex; Fletcher Bros., music roll, value $2.50, best novice dog; Mr. Renouf, sack of flour, $2, bitches.

Cocker Spaniels (parti-color), weight not to exceed 26 pounds—J. W. Creighton, cup, for the best in show; V. C. K. C., medal, for the best of opposite sex.

Collies—W. H. Pennock, clock, for the best conditioned collie in show; Mr. Millar, cup, for the best in show; W. Ditchburn, cup, for the best of opposite sex; Saunders Grocery Co., box fancy biscuits, value $2.50, for best puppy; W. H. Adams, goods, value $2.50, for best opposite sex; A. H. Haggard, medal, for best novice dog; Mr. Campbell, umbrella, value $5, best of opposite sex.

Bull Dogs—V. C. K. C., medal, for best in show.

Bull Terriers—Mr. Luck Yuen, mat dog rice, best puppy; J. M. Legano, fancy fruit dish, best in opposite sex; V. C. K. C., medal, best in show.

Fox Terriers (smooth)—Mr. Haggard, Doulton cheese dish, value $10, for best in open class; Challoner & Mitchell, cup, for best in show; Senator Riley, cup, for best in opposite sex; Dean & Hiscocks, fancy turned pot, best novice dog; Falrall Bros., two doz. ale, best novice bitch; Mikado Bazaar, collar box, best puppy; B. C. Hardware, pair scissors, best opposite sex.

Fox Terriers (wire)—English Setter Fanciers, cup, for best in show; R. Hanson, $5 cash, for best in opposite sex; R. Hanson, travelling dog kennel, for best dog in open class; R. Hanson, one year subscription "Our Dogs," best novice dog; R. Hanson, Sidney Castle's "The Fox Terrier," best limit dog; Wire Hair, $5 cash, best puppy dog; Mrs. A. J. C. Galletly, $5 cash, for best bitch in open class; Mr. Hanson, Theo. Marple's Prize Dogs, best bitch in novice class; A Fancier offers a prize for best bitch in limit class; R. Beavan, $5 cash, best puppy bitch.

Scottish Terriers—Hall & Co., perfumes, value $3, best in show; Mr. Andersach, pair of vases, value $3, for best puppy.

Irish Terriers—Mrs. Bradley Dyne, cup, for best in show, the donor not competing; M. H. Taylor, cup, for best in opposite sex; M. R. Smith & Co., box dog biscuits, value $2.50, best puppy dog; John Cochrane, brush and comb, value $2.50, best puppy bitch; Mr. Shotbolt, hair brush, value $1.50, best novice; Setterfield & Johnson, bottle whiskey, value $1.50, best opposite sex.

Airedaile Terriers—Mr. Catteral, cup, for best Airedaile bitch; Mr. Bowes, goods, value $3, best in opposite sex; Mr. Cathcart, pair boots, value $4, for best in novice class; Messrs. Watson & McGregor, razor, value $2, for best in opposite sex; Mr. Maynard, pair slippers, value $1.50, for best puppy.

Retrievers—Charley Bo, pair trousers, for best in show.

Yorkshire Terriers—Smith & Champion, goods, value $5, for best in show.

Black and Tan Terriers—Dixi H. Ross, tea, value $2.50, for best in show.

Maltese Terriers—Fanciers of the Breed offer cup for best in show, cup for best in opposite sex, cup for best in novice.

Miscellaneous Class, not over 26 pounds—R. Williams & Co., travelling bag, value $3.50, best in show; L. Dickinson, tea, value $1, best in opposite sex.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIA GUN CLUB

Officers Eelcted and Arrangements Made for Club Shoots.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Gun Club was held last night in the office of Messrs. Weiler Bros., when the reports showing the year's business were presented. The reports from the officers showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, with the outlook for this coming season of the brightest. The first shoot of the season will be for the Dupont trophy, and will take place on the club grounds at Langford Plains on April 5th at 2 o'clock. Another shoot of more than usual interest will be the handicap shoot for the Weiler cup, but at last night's meeting the date for this shoot was not set. All members of any gun clubs in Victoria are eligible to shoot for the Dupont trophy. There will be five shoots in all and fifty birds at each shoot, the dates of the shoots to be arranged at the regular monthly meetings of the club.

There are now 40 members, all in good standing, of the Gun Club, and their assets, which amount to about sixteen hundred dollars, is distributed as follows:

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The election of officers was also conducted last night, and resulted as follows:

President—W. G. Becktel.
Vice-President—J. W. Mansell.
Treasurer—W. H. Adams.
Secretary—R. Sangster.
Captain—O. Weiler.
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HINDUS ARRESTED UNDER NATAL ACT

British Subjects Jailed in Vancouver—Failed to Pass Educational Test.

Vancouver, March 3.—Fifteen Hindus who had arrived yesterday by the Empress of Japan, were admitted as immigrants by the Dominion inspector, Dr. Monroe. They were allowed to land.

While still on the ship, and before the Dominion inspector had given his decision, the new arrivals were lined up and examined by Provincial Inspector Monroe. They failed to pass the examination prescribed by the Natal Act. But the provincial officer could not prevent their landing under the instructions of the Dominion inspector.

Once landed, the constables of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company forcibly kept the Hindus from returning to the ship, where they were ordered by the provincial officer. The latter was powerless against the force of special constables, and, indeed, against the Hindus themselves, for the latter certainly did not wish to return to their native land.

Accordingly the provincial police arrested the entire party and took them to jail. Upon being searched each Hindu was found to be carrying a hatchet.

LULU ISLAND MYSTERY.

Fisherman Missing Since Feb. 21st When He Set Out From Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 3.—The disappearance of Harry Jessman, aged about 56 years, from his home on Lulu Island, was reported to the city police this morning by P. J. Kelly, who thinks the former may have been drowned in the river.

Kelly states that Jessman left home shortly after noon on February 21st to go to Vancouver to purchase a boat. It was Jessman's intention to bring the boat home around the point and up the river. He has not been seen since.

Eminent Physician Explains Cause of Gout, Rheumatism, &c.

The real cause of gout is due to the excessive use of certain articles of food and drink, which in time leads to a disturbance of the functions of the liver. As a result harmful products such as uric acid are thrown into the blood, causing the condition known as gout.

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Of course by rheumatism such complaints as sciatica, lumbago and neuralgia must be included, for after all, what are they but manifestations of rheumatic poison?

Thus it is easily seen that a world of good is accomplished by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Acting as a blood renovator and a general tonic for the system their benefit is incalculable. 25c. per box or five boxes for $1, at all dealers, and be sure you get the genuine Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province

PASTOR'S TIRADE AGAINST SOCIAL SIN

Fan Tan Punished, While Racetrack Gambling is Openly Condoned.

New Westminster, March 3. — The swindling company promoter, the stock exchange operator, the souvenir hunter who "lifts" things, the racetrack betting and betting for fun at afternoon bridge whist parties, were all condemned in strong terms by Rev. J. S. Henderson, in a strong and interesting sermon on Respectable Sins and Respectable Sinners at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Sunday night. The large edifice was crowded to the doors.

Gambling was also touched on, and Mr. Henderson showed how Chinamen who played fan-tan for amusement, or white men played a little game of blackjack, they were arrested and fined heavily to swell the city coffers, so that we might have better streets and improved sidewalks, but no government dared to pass a law that would suppress the race meetings which were patronized by governors, and gambling flourished there. The racetrack and the stock exchange were the schools and hells of gambling of the country to-day, declared the speaker.

Another instance of the respectable sinner in this line was given, when the speaker stated that in a city not a hundred miles from New Westminster, a short time ago a number of young men were engaged in a private game of cards when the police dropped in, and the players were taken to court, and they paid dear for their fun, but in the same city, in a fashionable residence and on a fashionable street, a game of bridge whist was played, and a lady, who was a guest, and knew little of the game, had lost $70 without even knowing that what she was playing with represented money. She told her husband of the matter, and he wrote out a cheque to the hostess who conducted the game, including $3 for the supper, and telling her that their friendship was cut just $73 worth.

DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Deported to U. S. From Fernie, American Criminal Leaped from Train Near Elko.

Fernie, B. C., March 3.—F. F. Fisk, a fugitive from justice from Montana, was ordered deported from here. He left on the Great Northern train in charge of U. S. Immigration Officer Dunlop. When the train, running at 20 miles an hour, was rounding a curve near Elko, he yawned and stretched himself as if tired and the officer's attention being distracted he made a break for the car door and jumped from the train. Officer Dunlop promptly pulled the check cord and followed him. He found Fisk in the snow partially stunned, but even then he fought hard against being put back on the train. He was kept in irons till he reached Gateway, where he was handed over to the United States officers who were awaiting him.

SAWMILL OBTAINS WATER RECORD

Is Wanted by Fraser River Company for Fire Protection.

New Westminster, March 3.—The Fraser River Sawmills Company, Limited, was granted a record of 200 inches of water from Lake Como by C. C. Fisher, water commissioner, yesterday afternoon. The water is required by the mill company for fire protection purposes and will be piped from the lake to the mill.

The application was vigorously opposed by farmers from the vicinity of the lake, who claimed that the value of their property would be seriously effected through the drawing off of the water. In spite of their objections, however, the record was granted as stated.

Three of the farmers, Messrs. Seimons, Fox and Newman were each granted two inches of water for agricultural and domestic purposes, which represents a volume of over 30,000 gallons of water every 24 hours.

SALVATION ARMY CHANGES.

Staff-Captain Hayes Coming Here From Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 3.—The officers of No. 1 corps in charge of the work of the Salvation Army in Vancouver, will farewell in the city hall next Sunday evening. The final farewell will take place on Wednesday evening, March 11th.

Staff-Captain Hayes, who has been in charge of the work here for three years, will go to Victoria to take charge there. Cadet Nelson, who has been assistant to the staff-captain in Vancouver for two years, has also been transferred to the capital.

Captain Dawe will go to New Westminister to act as assistant to the staff-captain, and Lieut. Chatterson will go to Nelson.

Adjutant McCann, of Toronto, will come to Vancouver to take charge of the corps. Just who her assistants will be has not yet been announced. These changes were announced yesterday.

VISION OF RELEASE WAS DISPELLED

General Jail Delivery Did Not Come Off in Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 3.—Mr. Justice Clement gave judgment yesterday morning in the matter of the jurisdiction of H. O. Alexander to sit alone on the bench at the police court, in the absence of Police Magistrate Williams, to the effect that Mr. Alexander was quite entitled to impose sentences.

This contention quite upset the visions of release which many of those imprisoned by the order of Magistrate Alexander had fostered within themselves.

An application for habeas corpus and certiorari in the case of Dan Phillips resulting in the latter proceedings winning on a technical point.

A. D. Taylor, K. C., argued that there was not sufficient evidence to convict and His Lordship agreed, with the result that Phillips will be released from prison.

CURIOSITY LED TO DISASTROUS RESULTS

Youth Lit Fuse of Ship's Distress Signal in Vancouver Store.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, March 4.—Because Snyder Conway, aged 17, wished to ascertain what kind of a report followed the explosion of a ship's distress signal, he lighted a fuse in a ship's outfitting store in which he worked.

Conway was seriously hurt, a horse standing across the street was fatally wounded and several hundred dollars' worth of plate glass was broken.

REVIEW OF MINES.

Large Tonnage Yielded by Consolidated Properties in Six Months.

Trail, March 3.—During the six months from July 1st to December 31, 1907, the following tonnages were mined from the properties of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co.

Centre Star group, Rossland B. C.	87,451 tons
St. Eugene group, Moyie, B. C.	75,104 tons
Snowshoe Mine, Phoenix, B. C.	86,109 tons
	248,664 tons

which is equivalent to about 1,380 tons per day.

The St. Eugene produced 12,110 tons of silver lead concentrates, some of which was shipped to Europe and the Marysville smelter at Kimberley, B. C., but the greater part was smelted and refined at the company's works at Trail.

The Snowshoe only operated 4½ months out of the six months, but it is intended to start this property again as soon as copper advances in price. There are large ore reserves ready for shipment.

The average amount of ore and bullion products smelted at Trail was 1,116 tons per day, the amount of lead silver bullion produced daily was 42 tons averaging $165 per ton, copper matte 14 8-10 tons daily averaging $453 per ton. The amount of pig lead produced by the Trail Refinery was 38 4-10 tons daily averaging about $79 per ton.

Upon the above basis of production the gross value of the output for the year will approximate $6,000,000, divided about as follows: Gold 39 1-10 per cent silver 27 2-10 per cent; copper 12 4-10 per cent; lead 21 3-10 per cent.

The ore reserves in the properties are quite as great as they were on June 30, 1907, and there is nothing to indicate any interruption in the company's various operations.

The Richmond-Eureka at Sandon, B. C., is now ready to begin shipments, an aerial tramway between the mine and the railway having been completed. Developments upon this property are quite encouraging.

Some of the lower levels in Rossland have recently produced a grade of ore much higher in gold than the average of the present shipments from the properties. Developments upon the 2,000 foot level of the St. Eugene have shown a larger tonnage of lead-silver than was anticipated.

VANCOUVER'S GROWTH AS SHIPPING CENTER

Large Number of Vessels on Waterfront Loading and Discharging.

Vancouver, March 3.—The rapid advance made in shipping by the port of Vancouver was shown in a striking manner yesterday, when vessels which voyage to widely different parts of the world were berthed along the waterfront.

The yacht-like Empress of Japan was discharging cargo from the Far East and behind was the fast Gulf ferry, Princess Victoria. The next steamer in line was the big Monteagle and longshoremen had their hands full in putting aboard a consignment of pig lead from the Trail Smelter. The Monteagle will leave for the Orient on Thursday. A little further along the waterfront was the Amur, loading lumber and general freight for Northern British Columbia ports. The Princess Beatrice arrived from Skagway, and as the Princess Victoria had left for the Capital, she took the later's berth and secured a new propeller blade to replace one lost on her northern trip.

At the Union Steamship Company's wharf the Coquitlam, Capilano, Cassiar and Comox were berthed, making ready for their different runs, and on the west side of Evans, Coleman & Evans's wharf, the Blue Funnel liner was taking aboard lumber and merchandise for the Orient and the United Kingdom. The British barque London Hill added a touch of the picturesque to the scene, and on the east side, the squat little Walaleale was preparing for her run to Seattle.

In the stream, the American schooner Samar, with her deck full of lumber, was ready for her long voyage to Shanghai, China, and at the Hastings Mill wharf, the British ship Invernell and the American schooner Aleah were busily engaged in loading lumber.

Besides the above mentioned vessels, several tugs were at the wharves and others were plying to and fro, while the St. George and the North Vancouver kept up their monotonous trips across the Inlet.

VICTORIA LUNATIC.

Prisoner Made Matters Lively For Attendant on Way to New Westminster Asylum.

New Westminster, March 3.—An insane man of the most violent character was brought to the city yesterday from Victoria consigned to the provincial asylum. When about to be loaded on the passenger car at Vancouver, the patient literally "went up in the air" and, though handcuffed and escorted by a husky looking attendant, made things so interesting that the trip in the B. C. E. R. passenger car had to be abandoned, and the maniac was later conveyed to this city on a good, reliable freight car.

INDIAN DELUDED BY PHANTOM WOLVES

Son of Chief Charlie Brought to Vancouver Violently Insane.

Vancouver, March 3.—Mad with the horrible delusion that he was every moment being pursued by a pack of howling wolves, a young Indian was brought down from the north yesterday for commitment to an asylum. With the phanton figures always before his eyes and with him either fleeing from or fighting them, he has been a considerable danger to his tribe, and attacking his wife, under the strange belief that she had been friendly to these wild enemies of his, with so much violence and fury that it required the strongest efforts of three men to hold him.

On another occasion, possessed with his fear, he fired shot after shot from his rifle at random, and when another Indian stepped out of his shack a shot was aimed at him, and the bullet grazed his arm. He is a son of Chief Charlie, and was brought down from his home at Rivers Inlet by P. C. Woolacott, who had assistance.

THREE MONTHS FOR $10.

Vancouverite Gets Hard Sentence For Stealing Small Quantity of Lumber.

Vancouver, March 3.—Convicted of stealing a small quantity of lumber, the cost of which would not exceed $10, Andy Moore was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labor, by Magistrate Williams in the police court yesterday, while a brother, Ed. Moore was fined $100 and costs for having stolen property in his possession. The brothers were represented by C. M. O'Brian.

BACK 6,000 MILES FOR TRIAL.

Irish Constable to Convey Prisoner From Vancouver to Belfast.

Vancouver, March 3.—Samuel Gunning, under arrest here for an alleged fraud in Ireland, will be taken back in a few days. Chief of Police Chamberlain yesterday received a wire from Col. Sherwood at Ottawa stating that a man was now on his way across the continent to take Gunning back. A member of the Royal Irish Constabulary has been detailed on the trip.

British Columbia Coast Service

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

VICTORIA-VANCOUVER ROUTE—SS. Princess Victoria sails daily at 1 a. m., returning, sails from Vancouver at 1:30 p. m.

VICTORIA-SEATTLE ROUTE—SS. Princess Royal sails daily except Monday at 8:30 a. m., returning, sails from Seattle daily except Monday at 11:30 p. m.

SKAGWAY ROUTE—SS. Princess May sails 3rd, 13th and 23rd of March and April, calling at Prince Rupert, Port Essington and Port Simpson.

NORTHERN B. C. ROUTE—SS. Amur sails 1st and 15th of each month, calling at principal north ports and Queen Charlotte Islands.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LEGISLATURE

MEMBERS ARE NOW WORKING OVERTIME

Steps Are Being Taken to Complete Work at an Early Date.

The legislature yesterday held two sittings, rising after midnight. A number of bills were advanced a stage.

Press Gallery, March 3rd, 1908.

The House assembled at 2.25.

Prayers were read by Rev. S. J. Thompson.

Supply.

The resolutions from committee of supply were read a third time.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow moved the following resolution:

That this House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the ways and means for raising the supply granted to His Majesty.

This was accordingly acted upon and the committee supply was voted.

The supply bill was then introduced and the bill passed its first reading.

Question of Privilege.

Dr. Kergin, on a question of privilege corrected the report in the Colonist that he had said he would vote against the second reading of the civil service bill. He had said he would vote for its second reading.

Third Readings.

The following bills passed their third readings: To amend the Supreme Court Act, to amend the Settled Estates Acts, and to amend the Shops Regulation Act.

Judgment Acts.

In adjourned committee the bill to amend and consolidate the acts respecting judgments was again considered.

The committee rose and reported the bill complete.

The report was adopted.

Provincial Parks.

The bill to provide for the maintenance of provincial parks was committed, with Mr. Manson in the chair.

Mr. Cotton introduced an amendment to make it possible to appoint park boards for different localities where parks might be situated and thus avoid the possibility of its being construed that one board was to administer all the parks. The amendment carried.

Hon. Mr. Cotton moved also to add the following sub-section to section 17:

(2) Subject to the approval of the Lieut.-Governor in Council, the board may lease any portion of a provincial park which it has power to manage under the provisions of this act to an athletic club or association, to be used for the purposes of said club or association.

The amendment was carried.

The bill was reported complete.

Water Clauses Act.

A bill was introduced by message from His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, to amend the Water Clauses Consolidation Act.

Hon. Mr. Fulton explained that the bill was not a long one. The report of Prof. Carpenter had reached the government too late to allow of introducing the bill contemplated. This bill gave the rights to store water. Power was given to make regulations as to storing water. Before next session he intended to go into the subject and bring down a comprehensive bill.

The bill passed the first reading.

Public Schools Report.

Hon. Dr. Young presented the report of the public schools for the year.

Game Protection.

By message of His Honor a bill to amend the Game Protection Act was introduced.

In reply to Mr. Hawthornthwaite, Hon. Mr. Fulton said the bill provided for the increase of the big game license from $50 to $100.

The bill passed its second reading.

Civil Service.

On the adjourned debate on the second reading of the civil service bill, J. H. Hawthornthwaite continued to discuss the proposed amendment of which notice had been given, but which was not yet moved.

John Oliver took a point of order that the amendments could not be debated as they were not before the House.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite held that it would be an absurdity to discuss the main bill when the government had given notice that practically a new bill was to be introduced.

Mr. Oliver pressed that the rules would not permit the discussion of the proposed amendment.

The speaker thought the point of order taken by Mr. Oliver was good.

A. E. McPhillips held that when a bill was introduced the person introducing the bill often stated that amendments would be introduced. The notice having been given might be taken as an intimation of the intention to amend. The subject could then be discussed.

J. A. Macdonald argued that if this were to prevail all that would be necessary to allow a discussion of any particular kind would be to give notice of motion to allow of this.

The speaker ruled that the subject matter of notices of motion could not be discussed. To give notice meant only that the proposed amendment might be introduced.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite then bowed to the ruling, but suggested that he might discuss the subject matter of the bill as contained in the notice of motion as something which was desirable. Proceeding, he discussed it on this point. He took the ground that the superannuation bill would be self-supporting from the contributions from the civil servants. He attacked Mr. Oliver because he opposed the superannuation scheme of the bill. Mr. Hawthornthwaite contended that Mr. Oliver generally opposed labor bills. The member for Delta with "foul hypocrisy" had on this occasion attacked the bill on the ground of being opposed to the cause of labor.

Mr. Oliver took a point of order.

The member for Nanaimo said he would say then it was not "foul hypocrisy."

The speaker reminded Mr. Hawthornthwaite that he should keep to the subject matter of the question before the House.

Contnuing, Mr. Hawthornthwaite opposed the principle of granting an amount on the basis of his last few years' salary in the service. This lent itself to advantage being taken of the situation by increasing the pay of a servant so that a large sum was obtained. In this way the fund might be robbed.

It was better, he argued, for the government to set aside an equal amount to that paid in by the servant. He proposed that money from this fund might be loaned out to civil servants, whereby they might build homes for themselves. He believed the government intended to adopt some such move. He thought that the provisions of the act should be extended to every wage earner, or any other person in the province who wished to come in. There could then be no objection to the bill. This was a popular move. The government would never regret such an action. The fund could be entirely self-sustaining. If the government took such a move every effort would be made by the great insurance companies and loan companies to oppose it.

The present bill was a most dangerous bill from the standpoint of Socialism. He (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) could have made a stronger appeal against the bill than Mr. Oliver. Until the time came when Socialistic principles would prevail there were many who would suffer. For that reason he supported this bill. It was right to support a bill which ameliorated the condition of any class even if it did not apply to all other classes.

The amendment of John Jardine was defeated. The amendment was as follows:

That all the words of the resolution, after the first word "That," be struck out and the following words substituted therefor:

"Whereas bill No. 20 proposes to authorize a payment of $200,000 from the consolidated revenue fund for the purpose of forming a nucleus of a superannuation fund for the benefit of civil servants;

"And whereas the said bill No. 20 provides for ample remuneration being paid to civil servants for the services performed by them;

"And whereas civil servants in the employ of the province of British Columbia have the advantage of short hours, and perform their duties under the most healthy and comfortable conditions;

"And whereas the moneys required to pay the superannuation allowance proposed to be paid to civil servants must, of necessity, be taken by way of taxation from the wealth-producing classes, none of whom are as well remunerated as the civil servants, although earning their livelihood under much more onerous conditions;

"And whereas the $200,000 proposed to be set aside by the terms of the bill for the benefit of civil servants, could be expended much more advantageously, either by the construction of roads, trails, and bridges, or by extending the benefits of our public school system, or by remitting to municipalities the personal property tax now collected within the municipal limits, or in other ways:

"Therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this House bill No. 20 should be withdrawn and reintroduced, with that portion of the bill respecting superannuation expunged."

This was defeated on the following division:

Yeas: Messrs. Oliver, Macdonald, Henderson, Munro, Jardine, Brewster, King, Naden, Hall, Eagleson, Jones, Yorston,

Nays: Messrs. Tatlow, McBride, Bowser, Cotton, Ellison, Ross, Shatford, McPhillips, Thompson, Hunter, Fulton, Young, Gifford, Garden, Macgowan, McKay, Grant, Behnsen, Manson, Hayward, McGuire, Scholefield, Davey, Parsons, Taylor, Williams, Hawthornthwaite, McInnes and Kergin.

The bill passed its second reading on the same division.

Land Laws.

On the adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to amend and consolidate the laws affecting crown lands, John Oliver continued the debate. He lamented the fact that the government had not taken steps to prevent the alienating of the agricultural lands to speculators. In connection with the timber lands, Mr. Oliver pointed out that the Dominion government had taken steps with respect to timber lands in the railway belt to provide that cancellation might take place under certain conditions. The provincial government might with advantage have taken a somewhat similar course. With respect to hand loggers' licenses he thought that it would have been wiser not to have taken the course pursued. The chief commissioner might have been given liberty to specify where the license should apply instead of cancelling the licenses generally.

He opposed giving the right to the Lieut.-Governor in Council to dispose of the reversionary rights in Indian reserve lands. Any person desiring these lands should be obliged to come to the legislature and prove their rights to them first, as was done in the case of the G. T. P.

He objected to the Lieut.-Governor in Council taking the right to dispose of water fronts. He did not object so much to leasing this land, but crown grants should issue only after the lands had been put up to competition.

On the renewal of timber licenses Mr. Oliver held that notice should be given in every case before the licenses expired. To facilitate this the license fees might be made payable on an equal date. The government could very well undertake to give 30 days' notice before a timber license should expire. This would not entail a very heavy expenditure of time or money. He agreed with the renewal of licenses.

J. A. Macdonald moved the adjournment of the debate, and the motion carried.

Coal Mines Act.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, Hon. F. J. Fulton explained that it was proposed to make the regulations less severe with respect to carrying on work where the means of transportation do not exist, and where the mining would result in the deterioration of the coal. He pointed out also that work could be done for a group of leases as one work. Provision was made also for a grant of coal lands under the sea.

The bill passed its second reading.

Land Registry Act.

The bill to amend the Land Registry Act came up for second reading. Hon. W. J. Bowser explained that among the amendments was one to overcome the difficulty sometimes met with in providing for the statutory width of streets.

The bill passed its second reading.

Liquor License.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Liquor License Act, the attorney-general stated that the government had decided to put the control of the licenses in the north in the hands of the superintendent of provincial police. It was found, however, that the superintendent was given no power to cancel existing licenses. This bill would provide for this. The superintendent of provincial police had made a tour of the province and had found cases in the Kootenays where wholesale dealers conducted what was known as a "blind pig." Power was given in the bill to cancel such licenses. The municipalities would still have the control of licenses.

Stuart Henderson pointed out that the superintendent of provincial police could not be expected to go into the merits of every case. He would be guided by the information given by the local police officer. To exercise power without an apepal to any judge was giving an arbitrary power.

J. A. Macdonald thought the power proposed to be put in the hands of the provincial police without an opportunity of an appeal was a dangerous one. There were often petty local jealousies and it was not a good precedent to give arbitrary power in a police officer without an appeal.

Hon. Mr. Cotton said that this was the system in force before 1899.

"This is a truly Conservative measure," said Mr. Macdonald. It was, he pointed out, going back to a system which had prevailed in former times and which had been outgrown. This move had a tendency to place in the power of the government in the province an opportunity to threaten to take away liquor licenses from the holders of them. In the present condition of public opinion the idea was to give the widest possible voice to local sections to deal with this question of liquor. The present bill took away from local commissioners who understood the situation and put it into the power of the provincial police. This was not a move forward.

W. C. Munro held that the knowledge of such an estimable body as the provincial police made it wise for the legislature to put such power as it was proposed to put. It was a dangerous power to relegate to the provincial police. It was a dangerous principle to put the powers proposed in the hands of officials who held office under the government, and over whom power could be exercised by the government. There was too great a tendency on the part of the government to have all the powers of the people put in the hands of the Lieut.-Governor in Council or some person designated by them.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton argued that the system which prevailed after the granting of licenses was taken away from the provincial police and put in the hands of local boards had not been altogether satisfactory.

He was in favor of decentralizing and giving local voice as far as possible. He believed this move would work in the way of temperance.

Dr. King referred to the fact that the old system which prevailed before 1899 had not been satisfactory. The conditions which prevailed under that system had resulted in an investigation in an outlying section of the country. The result of that investigation had revealed a condition which was largely responsible for the change in the system.

G. R. Naden felt this was a step backward.

John Oliver said that if it were put in the form that holders of licenses would have to put themselves in a position to support the government in power if they hoped to retain their licenses the true situation would be explained under the bill.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite thought the number of licenses would be decreased by this bill.

On an answer being given that the number of licenses would come under the provisions of the act and would not be altered, Mr. Hawthornthwaite did not see any advantage in putting the powers of granting licenses into the hands of the provincial police. On the question of temperance Mr. Hawthornthwaite argued that the evil effects of the liquor traffic all arose out of the fact that profit existed in the sale of liquor. If the profit were cut out there would be no evil from it.

J. McGuire combatted many of the statements of Mr. Hawthornthwaite. In proportion as restrictions were placed upon the liquor traffic in different countries so drunkenness had decreased and the savings of the people had increased. If the government wished to do away with all trouble in connection with the liquor business it would be acting wisely to pass a prohibitory law. Elective boards of commissioners did not seem possible. He knew of instances, however, where it was found impossible to effectively deal with the license business. If the work were in the hands of the provincial police he realised that these cases would have been dealt with.

Parker Williams thought it was rather dangerous to put the power proposed into the hands of the provincial police, a body which held office under the government.

On a vote being taken the bill passed its second reading on a straight party division, the Socialists opposing the bill, as well as the Liberals.

Question of Privilege.

A. E. McPhillips, before adjournment, raised a question of privilege, citing the heading of an article in the Times, wherein it was set forth that the city resented the action of himself in killing the water bill while acting as legal adviser to the company. Mr. McPhillips proceeded to set himself clear on the subject. He said his action in the private bills committee was perfectly in accord with the rules of the House. He had not cast a vote in any way affecting the B. C. Electric Company. The vote was on a question which affected only the Esquimalt Waterworks Company. With the latter he had no connection. He had no pecuniary interest in either company.

Reading from the rules of the House on the subject, he showed that any one holding a pecuniary interest in any company which was represented in the legislature, was precluded from voting. He held, he said, no pecuniary interest in either of the companies represented, and had voted in accordance with the rules. He explained that his voting on the question and then as chairman giving the casting vote was according to the rules of the House.

The press, he thought, should be honest in its criticisms in future. All he had done was in accordance with parliamentary practice and according to parliamentary ethics.

Unemployed at Nanaimo.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite asked if any further information had been received from Nanaimo with reference to the unemployed.

The chief commissioner said that word had been received from Mr. Cameron, in charge of the work, who said that a number of unemployed had applied to him. The exact number out of work he could not say. There were a good many applicants, however, and most of them said they were "broke."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite wanted to know if anything was being done.

The chief commissioner said that work was to be done and would be carried on in the Cedar district as well.

The House then adjourned until the evening.

EVENING SITTING.

Upon resuming business in the evening the orders of the day were proceeded to at once on motion of the premier.

Supply Bill.

The premier moved that the supply bill should be read a second time.

John Oliver said that he thought that it might be wiser not to proceed with this bill now in order to allow other bills to be advanced. The rules of the House allowed only one stage to be taken each day.

The premier said that the bill was not usually provocative of debate and there was no tendency to rush unduly. The bill passed its second reading.

Judgments Act.

The bill to consolidate and amend the acts respecting judgments passed its third reading.

Parks Bill.

The report on the bill to provide for the maintenance of parks was adopted.

Civil Service Bill.

When the order for going into committee on the civil service bill, John Oliver raised the point that this could not be properly proceeded with this evening.

The premier said that there was no disposition to rush work. The bill had been before the House for a long time. There were a number of sections which were not of a controversial character. These could be disposed of and those about which a difference of opinion might arise would be laid over.

Mr. Oliver pressed his point.

The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken by Mr. Oliver. The rules were to the effect that a bill could be advanced only one stage each day. The holding of two sittings a day did not alter this.

A. E. McPhillips thought the word "sitting" should be regarded as synonymous with "day" in the rule.

The Speaker held that no other meaning could be attached to the word "day" than that used by him.

The premier could see little advantage in holding two sittings a day if this rule was to prevail.

J. A. Macdonald pointed out that the rule that a bill should be advanced only one stage a day was a wise one. It was placed there for a good reason. It was intended to give the members an opportunity to consider a question in a way in which it would not be considered where two sittings were held in one day. The opposition had no intention of obstructing. They had no objection to allowing bills upon which there was likely to be no controversy a chance to be advanced more than one stage a day. They wished to have further time to consider this bill and hence invoked the rule.

The discussion dropped and the business proceeded with the order paper.

Coal Mines Act.

The House went into committee on the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act with T. Gifford in the chair.

On the section referring to the issuance of a license Mr. Macdonald wanted to know why the change was made by the bill from the word "shall" to "may" in dealing with the power of the chief commissioner to issue the license. He wanted to know if it was proposed to give the chief commissioner discretionary powers.

The chief commissioner said the object was simply to bring the act into conformity with the Land Act.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that in the Land Act the discretionary power was intended to be given. The same reason did not apply to this act.

The chief commissioner then suggested that valuable timber lands might be located on the land proposed to be taken under the coal license. In this way the applicant might obtain these timber lands where only enough coal existed to keep within the act.

Mr. Macdonald thought precautions might be taken against this in another way without putting such a dangerous power in the hands of a chief commissioner.

The premier thought it wise to give this discretion to the chief commissioner. The surface area might be limited to advantage at times, as 640 acres was a large area to give in connection with a coal license.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that 640 acres was none too great an area, taking into consideration the vast amount of money which was required to develop a coal mine in many cases. He asked that the further consideration of the section should stand over.

This was done.

On the section dealing with the paying of a rental for five years, after which purchase could be made, W. R. Ross proposed that it might be wise to allow of purchase at once.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite could see no reason why that should not be done. Incidentally he objected to the tinkering with the laws by successive members of the government. Each new attorney-general started in and reformed all the laws. The same rule applied to successive chief commissioners.

Hon Mr. Fulton proposed to add the following sub-section relating to the provision for work on the claim:

"Provided further, that the lease shall contain provisions binding the lessee to carry on coal or petroleum mining and works incidental thereto, and to expend not less than the sum of $125 in each and every year in the development of a mine; or in the alternative to pay to the chief commissioner of lands and works the sum of $125 in each year, in lieu of performing said development work; and to make a reasonable use of the premises thereby granted for the purposes intended, and any such lessee may be subject to any general stipulations which the Lieut.-Governor in Council may see fit to impose."

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that in the cases of crown granted mineral claims speculators were able to hold their claims indefinitely upon the payment of the small sum of 25 cents an acre. These men were able to hold the claims awaiting an adjoining claim to be developed, and thus proving the value of that held. The same rule applied to coal lands. To allow of the claims being held on payment of $125 a year was not in the best interests of the country. It would be infinitely better to provide that work should be done by these companies so as to prove the value of the properties. If this were done the question of transportation would be solved. The means of transportation would be found.

Mr Hawthornthwaite agreed with this contention.

The chief commissioner was opposed to meeting the view.

The premier thought no objection should be raised to paying $125 on 640 acres of land.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that it was not pretended that $125 should not be collected. It was proposed to insist upon the work being done in a way which should develop a mine. Transportation companies would only come in after tonnage was in sight.

The amendment was allowed to stand over.

The following new section caused considerable discussion:

"In any case in which the coal or petroleum underlying lands previously alienated or held under lease is granted to any lessee under the provisions of section 5 of this act, such grantee shall be deemed to acquire also the right to enter upon the surface of said lands for mining purposes, and to occupy and use such portion of said surface as may be reasonably necessary for mining purposes; provided that prior to such entry being made, or such surface being occupied and used as aforesaid, the lessee shall give adequate security to the chief commissioner of lands and works for any loss or damage which may be caused by such entry, use or occupation, and shall after such entry, and before any of said lands are permanently used or occupied as aforesaid, make full compensation for said loss or damage; the amount of such compensation, in case the parties differ, to be referred to arbitration, under the provisions of the Arbitration Act."

Mr. Macdonald contended that this required to be fully considered and the section being re-drafted. He pointed out that the question of remuneration at the initial stage would not represent the remuneration which might later be required.

The section was allowed to stand over.

The committee rose, asking leave to sit again.

Land Registry.

The House went into committee on the bill to amend the Land Registry Act with Dr. King in the chair.

Parker Williams wanted to know if there was no way by which the government could exercise control over townsites so that "wild cat" schemes might be guarded against. There were many of these floated in the north and he thought some way should exist by which fraud should be prevented in the matter.

The committee rose and reported progress.

The bill to amend the Timber Measurement Act passed its second reading and was considered in committee, with H. Behnsen in the chair.

The bill was reported complete.

Cannery Licenses.

On the second reading of the bill to increase the revenues of the crown, Hon. W. J. Bowser explained that it was proposed to collect from canneries and cold storage places of the province. The right to the weirs of the province was vested in the province and the fisheries connected with these undoubtedly were under the province. The object was to raise a revenue to be used in administering the business. There had for years been a falling off in the Fraser river salmon. It was the duty of the province and the Dominion to take steps to save the fisheries.

John Oliver saw no reason why the remarks of the attorney-general should be taken as a ground for accepting this bill. The proposal to tax cold storage establishments would put a number of institutions in his riding out of business. These were in many instances carrying on work on a small scale in salting and pickling fish, and these would be wiped out. The using of the by-products, he felt, was rather a benefit and should be encouraged rather than discouraged.

Hon. Mr. Bowser said it was not intended to effect these salting works.

H. C. Brewster wanted to know if mild curing establishments were to be made subject to this license.

Hon. Mr. Bowser said it would affect only the large canneries.

J. A. Macdonald pointed out that this legislation differed from the ordinary trade license. He wanted to know if it was proposed to prohibit the canning business being carried on unless the license were taken out from the government.

Hon. Mr. Bowser pointed out that the bill so provided.

Mr. Macdonald said he would certainly protest against any such proposition. It was in line with the action of the government in the past to attempt to control all lines of business possible in the province and place these industries at the mercy of the government. Such an usurpation of office he would vigorously oppose.

The bill passed its second reading, the Socialists voting with the government and all the Liberal members opposing it.

Succession Duty Bill.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Succession Duty Act the attorney-general explained that in future all estates of over $5,000 would be dealt with by the treasury department and the amount of duties figured out.

The bill passed its second reading.

Placer Mining Claims.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Placer Mining Act, Hon. H. E. Young said the act was not altered. It simply arranged for the fixing of the method of measuring a claim.

The bill passed its second reading.

Water Clauses Bill.

Hon. F. J. Fulton on the second reading of the bill to amend the Water Clauses Act pointed out that the right to store water was given to the owner of land. This was the most important feature of the bill. Provision was made for the method of applying for water. It provided that application should be made where the water was to be applied, but notice was to be posted in the district where the water was to be diverted.

The intention was to have brought down a comprehensive report after Prof. Carpenter's report should have been received. He had hoped to have a bill ready and to have had it made public. He did not feel like doing this until the report of Prof. Carpenter was received. He would before next session have a bill drafted and publish the suggested changes in the act so that the fullest discussion could take place and the House would thus be in a position to pass upon as complete an act as could be framed.

The bill passed its second reading.

Game Protection.

On the second reading of the bill to amend the Game Protection Act Hon. Mr. Fulton lamented the fact that the bill was not more complete than at present. The present bill would provide for a permit being given to export specimens for animals and hides for institutions in foreign lands. The big game license was also increased from $50 to $100. The proceeds would be used in the better protection of game. It was estimated that $10,000 would be derived from this game license.

Parker Williams objected to game preserves for the knickerbocker element.

A. E. McPhillips called attention to the fact that there were beaver still on the islands.

It was pointed out that there was a law now protecting beavers.

Mr. McPhillips said he wished to call attention to the fact that there were beaver still in the islands, and there should be protection to them.

"Does the member for the Islands pretend that we should build houses for the beaver?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

"I can readily conceive how such a thing might be wise," added Mr. McPhillips, amid the laughter of the House.

The bill passed its second reading and the House adjourned at midnight.

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SIXTEENTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT,

for the construction of a steel Ice-Breaking, Mail and Passenger Steamer, to be delivered at Charlottetown, P.E.I., of the following leading dimensions, namely, 220 feet long, breadth 46 feet, depth moulded 27 feet.

Plans and specifications of this steamer can be seen at the Agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Victoria, B. C.

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The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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F. GOURDEAU,
Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Department of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa, 19th February, 1908.

CIVIC NOTICE.

WATERWORKS BILL.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday next, the 4th inst., for the purpose of discussing the Waterworks Bill now before the Legislature.

All persons interested are invited to be present and take part in the discussion.

The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

LEWIS HALL,
Mayor.

Victoria, B. C., March 2nd, 1908.

Crossing the Bar

An Exciting, but Far From Unusual Incident, in the Life of the 'Frisco Pilot

By Alfred Hustwick.

It was late in the evening when our pilot came, engaged in a laconic conversation with our young skipper, along the dusky wharf. Day had almost flickered away into the fast-gathering shadows when the familiar "Let go your spring" and other orders incidental to departure, awoke the groups of passengers to the fact that we were leaving San Francisco on our long journey south.

Out into the deep ship channel from the China basin we steamed and threaded our way between two long lines of anchored vessels, our whistle hooting in warning as we sped down the lane of water. Darkness had, with almost tropical suddenness, superceded the pale, transitory cropuscle, and a mighty reflection behind the black waterfront told us that the shattered, but ever majestic, city now roared beneath its million lights.

At a moderate speed we passed in front of the ferry slips, hooting to the gaping side-wheelers, as we made for the passage beyond Alcatraz island. Soon an appreciable swell told us that we were entering the Golden Gate and between the dark shores, the northern one bulwarked by mountains which cast an indescribable pall of inky blackess on the choppy waters, the other a belt of haze pierced here and there by flickering street and house lights, we sped on to the south channel. The sure hand of the pilot dominated the ship as she bucked the growing seas, trembling with the shock of each concession. Into the shallower water on the bar, where the comberg rolled in from all directions, the steamship plunged and quivered, the breaking seas bursting on her flares and spraying the decks continuously. From the bridge the captain's eye ran over the bar and then swept the main deck. We knew bad weather was ahead, in fact the gigantic, white-capped waves at the approach of the bar heralded it, but an order to make all fact, although given in German, increased our apprehensive curiosity. I asked the first officer, busy lashing a water tank more securely, what he thought of the weather signs. "The glass gone down. I don't like it," he rasped out with a shake of his closely cropped head.

As I joined the group of passengers sheltering in huddled groups on the starboard side, and discussing mal de mer, in perspetcive, and navigation, with an equal lack of intelligence, the full significance of the mate's prognostication was made apparent. A gigantic wave, far higher, wickeder than any yet experienced, struck the steamship on the starboard quarter and threw her high into the air. As she fell into the trough I waited for her to strike the sands, for the shallow water made such an accident and one that would result in the total loss of ship and passengers, more than probable. It did not come, however, and the vessel shook herself from the water, to repeat the sickening evolution. The wind, growing momentarily stronger, heeled her over until she listed at least two feet to port. The bar was bad and I thought instinctively of He in whose hands our lives reposed. The weather-beaten face staring ahead into the gloom for the bearing lights caught my eye as I went forward and something in its expression instilled me with a wonderful confidence. How many times had that square-set man guided passenger-laden vessels safely through this frightful turmoil of howling wind and multidudinous waves? How many times had the responsibility of this "Son of Martha" been beyond measurement? His generalship, his stolid indifference to personal danger, was naked in the temptuous surroundings of the breaking bar, a picture of a man at his best, and what could be more fascinating?

The bar traversed, we saw, far out in the deeper water, the rise and fall of a flickering light approaching us. The slowing of the engines and the pilot's appearance on the main deck told that we were about to "drop him," to leave him aboard the taut schooner that would wait for incoming boats to send him once more ashore.

Crossing our bows a few hundred feet away, splendidly handled by her crew of "real sailors," the schooner came up on our port side and dropped a small boat, in which two husky mariners took the oars. As the lamp in the stern sheets bobbed up and down in the tumult of the heavy seas the passengers watched the boat with breathless interest, now hurled high on the crest of a great wave and now out of sight in the valleys between, seeming as if it would never rise again to our sight.

"Good night, captain; good night everybody," and the pilot swung himself over the rails to the ladder amid a chorus of genuine congratulations. Clinging to his precarious perch on the slippery ladder he admonished the seamen in the approaching boat to use more caution.

"The wind is behind the steamer, boys. Watch you don't strike the side Steady, steady, or you'll smash that boat like an egg shell," we heard him calling. The boat came close to the side and then, caught in the back rush of a comber that beat the steel plates, was swept away again. For fully fifteen minutes the stentorian voice of the pilot instructed the seamen, but the elements prevented him from gaining the boat.

"For God's sake give those boys a line, captain," he called, growing impatient, cold and angry, for the steamship's crew made no effort to assist him. The captain had, however, already dismissed the pilot from his mind and his curly head was bent, in his usual Teutonic application, over the charts in his room. Meanwhile the pilot schooner, her four clean sails full-bellied in the wind, her port bulwark wave-swept, but her keel motionless in the water and her speed impotent under her master's hand, stood by. Almost a phantom, wierdly beautiful, the tight little craft awaited the return of the small boat. Suddenly a mighty comber swept under. She lurched, sickenly, but righted almost instantly. The wave swept towards us, caught the small boat in its grasp and hurled it toward the side of the steamship. For a moment we anticipated that it would be smashed to atoms, but this was averted by the resourcefulness of its occupants. Swishing high along the side of the steamship, the wave reached up, high up the ladder to where the pilot clung and plucked him from it. A cry, "He's gone," another call from the side and a splash and then from the watch on deck, "Man overboard."

The call, most stirring of all aboard ship, brought the first mate hurrying to the end of the bridge and the captain, following on his heels, from the pilot house, the former instinct with a desire to render assistance, the latter's phlegmatic being for once stirred by simple curiosity.

A score of necks were craned over the rail, as many pairs of eyes scanned the dark waters. On my right a man shivered and clutched my arm tightly. A succeeding comber swirled along the hull and a dark object rose spluttering on its crest. Louder cries rang out and the small boat plunged forward impelled by four lusty arms.

Would they get him? The question was one that thrilled us with nervous excitement. We saw the wave sweep on, and then recede from the ship. The boat and the drowning man were swept together and two oars rattled loosely in the rowlocks, while one of the sailors grasped the pilot's coat. He was safe.

A chorus of cries, relief mingled with congratulation and admiration for the rescue, broke through the roar of the wind and the boom of the seas on the wall-like sides of the steamship, and then a voice, accentuated by a speaking tube, filtered through the darkness, "Go ahead, captain, and give us room to turn."

Before the sentence finished the engine bells had clanged and our skipper's voice, in which the German accent always predominated, answered, "I go ahead, you bet you."

Hanging to the rail above the plunging stern and bucking screw, we watched the small boat make its way to the schooner. The light bobbed up and down, the seamen bent to the oars and then a comber almost carried the boat over the schooner's deck.

"Did you hear the pilot cry out, 'Help!' when he was washed away?" asked the man at my left.

I smiled, for I knew that the word, although it sounded like it, was not 'Help.'"

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FOUR WEEKS MORE.

Only four weeks now remain for those who are not already on the Voters' List to have their names registered. Those who have come to reside in the city and young men who have attained the age of 21 should see that this is attended to at once, as the list compiled at the coming Court of Revision will in all probability be the one used at the next Dominion election. For the benefit of those who do not have time to go to the Court House to register, the Liberal Rooms, No 1230 Government Street, upstairs, are open every evening, where this can be done. Any one having their vote registered in some other riding of this province and residing in Victoria who wish to have their vote transferred can have this attended to also.

SPINSTER WOOED BY WOMAN.

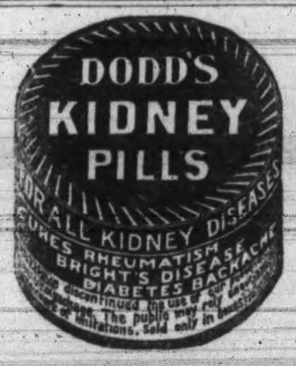
Charge of Fraud Follows Remarkable Telephone Courtship.

Defrauding a wealthy elderly spinster by making love over the telephone in an assumed male voice is the extraordinary charges against a woman just arrested at Zurich.

The spinster, who lives at Windisch, told the woman that she would like to find a husband to take charge of her financial affairs. Soon after the spinster received a proposal of marriage by letter from a "Herr Heringsfeld," of Zurich, and accepted it.

For several months the courtship continued over the telephone, "Herr Heringsfeld" making appointments and breaking them on pleas of pressure of work and lack of money. The spinster lent her unknown fiance several sums of money, and, on his suggestion, handed over about $500 to the woman "friend" who impersonated the mythical lover. The woman married on receipt of this sum.

At last the spinster broke off the engagement, and demanded the return of her loans to "Herr Heringsfeld." He could not be found, and the newly-married woman was subsequently arrested on a charge of fraud.



Canada's Caral To the Sea

Many thousands of years ago the Great Lakes are supposed to have discharged their waters through the French River, Lake Nipissing and the Mattawa, Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers into the Atlantic. This is the very route that Champlain followed when he reached the inland seas and gazed over their vast expanse.

Over this route for centuries passed all the traffic between the Canada of the early days and the western outposts of the Hudson's Bay Company, and this is to be the route of the Georgian Bay Canal, which Canada now proposes to build and which will be far the shortest waterway between the lakes and the ocean.

The project has been in the air for years, but not till now has it taken definite shape. Many questions have been involved and among them the form the canal should take. Should it be a fourteen foot canal for canalboats of large size, or a twenty foot ship canal or a thirty foot ocean steamer proposition, so that great ocean freighters might load at Lake ports and unload in Europe?

All the questions have now been answered. For two years the Georgian Bay Canal Commission of Canada has been studying every phase of the enterprise and it is now preparing the plans for the building of the canal.

It is to be a ship canal, providing a continuous and easily navigable waterway, with minimum depth of twenty-one feet, from Georgian Bay to tidewater. The cost is estimated at about $105,000,000.

The fact is, there is very little canal to build. Some long stretches in the rivers must be canalized at large expense and about thirty miles of rocky barrier and a few mud and sawdust banks must be removed, but the whole cost of connecting the Lake ports with the ocean will scarcely exceed the appropriation of New York State for the improvements of the Erie Canal.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported as saying that as soon as the first instalment of money is provided he will have the work begun at once.

This will be the nearest approach to an air line water route between the Lakes and the Alantic for which nature has provided facilities. It will make a water channel between the Soo Canal and Montreal 350 miles shorter than by the way of the Welland Canal, the line of least resistance between the Lakes and the ocean.

Not a dollar will have to be spent on the route from the Soo Canal, the great gateway into Lake Superior, to the mouth of the French River, on the shore of Georgian Bay. The route will hug the Canadian coast, passing through the North Channel, landlocked because the long island of Great Manitoulin is a bulwark against the waves of Lake Huron. Thus a deep and protected channel from one to fifteen miles wide is provided from the Soo to the French River, a distance of 160 miles.

This river drains the waters of Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay, the lake forming the summit level seventy feet above the bay. At low water the French River carries some 10,000 cubic feet of water a second out of Lake Nipissing and there will be forty-six miles of canalization on this river, with three short rock cuts through the rapids.

East of the lake is the divide, which is only about two miles wide and a few feet above Nipissing. Then the descent begins through two small lakes and the Mattawa River, which drops 150 feet into the broad bosom of the stately Ottawa. This river, obstructed by some stretches of rapids and banks of sawdust, is otherwise broad and deep and will carry the Lake fleet to the St. Lawrence a little above Montreal.

Producers and shippers in States of the Union bording the Lakes have taken a great interest in this project because it promises to give them the shortest and cheapest water route to the Atlantic. Not a few Western railroad men are also in hearty sympathy with the enterprise.

J. J. Hill of the Great Northern Railroad said a while ago that the Georgian Bay Canal would be the most popular enterprise that the Canadian Government would have to carry out in many years. When it is completed, he said, we shall see the grain business from the north of St. Louis and as far west as grain grows in the Platte Valley taking this route to the sea.

Only thirty-two miles of actual canal would have to be dug, and for the remainder of the distance existing water channels could be used, with considerable dredging here and there. He said that the distance from Chicago or Duluth to Montreal by this route would be a little shorter than the Lake routes now in use between these ports and Buffalo.

When the Georgian Bay Canal is completed, he predicted that grain would be carried between Chicago or Duluth and deep water at Montreal for 2½ cents a bushel, and refrigerator ships drawing nineteen or twenty feet of water could load direct from the packing houses at Chicago and sail to any port in the world during the season of open water of about 200 days. The St. Lawrence is open when the Lakes are open.

It is thought that the plans proposed by the Canadian commission will enable powerful whaleback steamers, 280 to 300 feet long, to carry in their holds and in towed barges about 12,000 tons of cargo at an average speed of about twelve miles an hour and that the time between Chicago and Montreal will be about 103 hours. The time between Chicago and New York by the Lakes and improved Erie Canal route is estimated at 193 hours. The distance between Montreal and London is 2,920 miles and between New York and London 3,136 miles.

It is expected that the new canal will have a wonderful influence upon the development of the Ottawa River. It is estimated that with the completion of the canal the water power available along the river will be almost as great as that of Niagara, and for electrical purpose it will be far superior to Niagara, because the power at those falls is confined to a radius of about fifty miles while the Ottawa River affords water power along 400 miles at convenient distances. With so much cheap power available and with its great resources of iron ore and timber the Ottawa Valley is expected to develop into one of the great manufacturing centres of the continent.

Tortured by Indigestion

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Mrs. T. J. Jobin, 368 King street, Quebec, wife of the circulation manager of L'Evenement, is one of the best known and most estimable ladies in the city, and her statement that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured her of a very severe attack of indigestion will bring hope to similar sufferers. Mrs. Jobin says: "About a year ago I was seized with indigestion which had an alarming effect upon my health. Day by deay my strength grew less. I suffered from terrible headaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart and sleeplessness. I was in this condition for about six months. I consulted two doctors and although I followed their treatment carefully it did not help me in the least. Last October, seeing that instead of regaining my health I was growing worse, I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After I had taken the second box there was a change for the better, and after taking the pills for a month longer the trouble entirely disappeared, and I am again enjoying the best of health. I have so much confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills that I always keep them in the house and take them occasionally as a safeguard."

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"CRUELTY" WOMEN.

It will astonish the public to learn there is no official attempt to reform women prisoners. For young men there is the Borstal system (the teaching of special trades with certain advantages annexed), and very soon we hope that for hopeful men over twenty there may be some kind of a reformatory as suggested by Judge Wallace; but for the women, many of whom are now-a-days criminals for what was no offence twenty-five years ago, namely, cruelty to children, there is no attempt to show them their wrong other than by advice from the clergyman or sister. It is certain many of these women know nothing about child life—are merely factory girls, ignorant of all domesticity—yet they are punished in this hopeless fashion without a chance of learning better.

It will surprise people to know what vast numbers of so-called respectable women are yearly imprisoned for ill-treating their poor little ones. According to the last report of the N. S. P. C. C., the number of persons reported to them in 1906 was 40,433, involving the fate of 115,000 children, and although the majority of these were merely admonished by the society, yet the well-known fact that there are no cases taken to the courts except those of exceptionally barefaced cruelty (93.9 per cent. of the cases being gained) shows how enormous is the number of unnatural mothers and fathers. And the number of cases reported to the society increases yearly.—Charlotte Smith Rossie, in The Sunday at Home.

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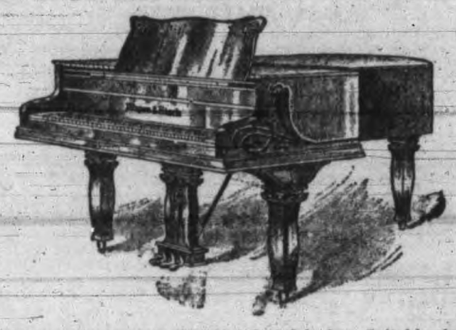

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Erskine M. Phelps and Fort George Set Out on 15,000 Mile Voyage.

Honolulu, Feb. 20.—There is a race on around Cape Horn which will be watched with much interest. The Erskine M. Phelps and the Fort George, which raced from San Francisco to the islands, with results which have never yet been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned, will now have an opportunity to test their qualities on a longer course. The Fort George, Capt. Fullerton, sailed from Honolulu for New York at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, with 3,... tons of sugar. The ship Erskine M. Phelps, Capt. Graham, with 1,500 tons of sugar, was towed out of Kahului harbor yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Capt. Parker and the Claudine, on the start of her long journey to Delaware breakwater. The two vessels could not have been a hundred miles apart when the Phelps spread her sails for the 15,000-mile journey. They may have been closer than that. It is a practically even start. There is much interest in the outcome. Another element of interest arises from the fact that the bark Nuuanu sailed from Honolulu February 15th for New York, under command of Captain Josselyn.

According to "form," to use a race-track term, the Phelps ought to win. She is a record-breaker, and according to the New York Herald the fastest sailing vessel afloat. This is what the New York Herald says about the Phelps:

Any deep sea trader that makes a record run in a lifetime of twenty years becomes famous in shipping annals, yet the Phelps has broken seven records in her career of four years. She has made passages around Cape Horn in seventy-seven, ninety-five, ninety-six and ninety-seven days. On these long voyages 125 days is considered a good passage.

When anything carrying canvas gets before a good stiff breeze and the patent log shows a speed of ten or twelve knots an hour, it is supposed that it is the utmost that can be got out of anything that carries sails, but the Phelps is able to reel off thirteen knots an hour, and the two patent logs that she always carries trailing astern have shown a speed of fourteen. The Phelps is not only a fast sailer, but a big cargo carrier, as she loads 4,600 tons of merchandise. Other ships look bluff and round compared to her yacht-like hull, and their spars short and stumpy when contrasted with her skyscraping masts and long, tapering yards.

If the ship were stood upright on its stern the craft would rise higher than New York's tallest skyscraper, as she measures, from her rudder to the tip of her bowsprit, four hundred feet. She could not go under the Brooklyn bridge without sending down her topgallant masts.

This yacht-like giant, kept as spotlessly white as a man-of-war, careening under a cloud of canvas, can better be imagined than described. While some ships are known to fame for a single fast passage in extraordinarily favorable weather, the Phelps has shown a score of times that in ordinarily favorable weather she can sail across the North Atlantic from New York to England in from thirteen to fifteen days. No sailing ship that ever floated can show, in four years, such swift voyages as these:

Brilliant Records.

Voyage.	Distance.	Days.
Bath to Cape Henry	540	2½
Norfolk to Honolulu	15,000	97
Norfolk to Ombay Pass	14,880	77
New York to Java	13,000	80
Java to Chili	11,600	58
Chili to Philadelphia	10,000	90
Chili to Baltimore	10,000	96
Around Cape Horn	2,000	11
Across Indian Ocean	6,500	28
Equator to Cape Hatteras	3,000	18
Best hour's run		14 knots
Best day's run		319 knots
Best week's run (6 days)		1,673 knots

The last six paragraphs of the above were incidents during the record runs mentioned in the first seven. It should be a matter of national pride, but it is almost unknown to the public that this champion of the seas sails under the Stars and Stripes.

On her first voyage from Bath, Me., to Baltimore, with 900 tons of ballast in her, and drawing ten feet nine inches of water, she was only two and one-half days from Bath to the mouth of the Cheapeake Bay. Off Cape Henry she met a northwest gale that drove her 600 miles out to sea. Running free, she made fourteen knots by the patent log, and twelve knots close hauled with the yards braced sharp. With the small amount of ballast she had in, she listed but eight degrees in a heavy blow, at the same time carrying top-gallant sails.

She holds the record from New York to Java, at the eastern edge of the Indian ocean, having sailed to Java Head in eighty days. On this voyage she went from the meridan of Greenwich to the head in twenty-six days, averaging two hundred and fifty miles each day, a total of sixty-five hundred knots—a speed that would carry the ship from New York to the English Channel in thirteen days.

A single voyage across the Atlantic in thirty or thirty-five days is considered a fast passage. During the run from New York to Java Head the smallest day's run was two hundred miles and the best day's run three hundred and ten miles.

And from Java to Taltal, Chile, in ballast she sailed 11,600 miles across the Indian and South Atlantic oceans in fifty-eight days, an average of two hundred miles daily. Then she sailed from Chile South around Cape Horn, up the South and North Atlantic oceans to Philadelphia, a distance of thirteen thousand miles in ninety-five days, the record run between the ports.

The best days run on the voyage from Manila to Ombay Pass was 319 miles, and average of nearly 13 knots an hour for twenty-four hours. This is above the average of ordinary steamship time.

The Phelps is a four-masted ship and the first steel sailing vessel ever built in the United States of steel made in this country. The only foreign made articles aboard the Phelps are two of Lord Kelvin's compasses and a deep sea sounding machine. She was built in Bath, Me., in 1898 by Arthur Sewall & Co., Mr. Sewall was the vice-presidential candidate with Wm. J. Bryan in 1896.

Here are the ship's dimensions: Length over all, 330 feet, width 45 feet, depth of hold 26 feet, net register 2,715 tons, cargo capacity 4,600 tons, masts from keel to trucks 200 feet, diameter of masts 32 inches, lower yards 94 feet, lower topsail yards 85½ feet, upper topsail yards 78 feet, topgallant yards 65 feet, royal yards 55 feet, skysail yards 46 feet, bowsprit 68 feet.

In addition to an all steel hull the ship has a steel poop, a steel house amidship, a steel forecastle and steel masts and yards and bowsprit, there being only three pieces of wood in her, the three topgallant masts. In the cabin aft Captain and Mrs. Graham have a sitting room, dining room, bedroom, bathroom, four extra state rooms, apothecary shop and two storage rooms. In the house amidships is a steam engine for hoisting cargo, sails and anchors, making it necessary to carry only twenty men in the crew, whereas in former days a ship of her size would carry not less than forty men. She has a bridge over the deck houses from stem to stern.

Since the foregoing was published the Phelps has made the following passages:

Philadelphia to Honolulu	116 days
Honolulu to Philadelphia	117 days
Philadelphia to Manila	102 days (record pass).
Manila to Honolulu	64 days (beating out China Sea) (N. E. Monsoon).

FOUR WEEKS MORE.

Only four weeks now remain for those who are not already on the Voters' List to have their names registered. Those who have come to reside in the city and young men who have attained the age of 21 should see that this is attended to at once, as the list compiled at the coming Court of Revision will in all probability be the one used at the next Dominion election. For the benefit of those who do not have time to go to the Court House to register, the Liberal Rooms, No 1230 Government Street, upstairs, are open every evening, where this can be done. Any one having their vote registered in some other riding of this province and residing in Victoria who wish to have their vote transferred can have this attended to also.

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BUFFETED BY GALE OFF CAPE FLATTERY

French Barque General de Negrier Was in Danger—Rudder Smashed.

Seattle, March 3.—The French barque General de Negrier, seventy-six days from Hobart, Australia, arrived in Seattle harbor last evening and is lying in the stream awaiting orders from Waterhouse & Co., from whom she brings 3,000 tons of cement. The barque cleared originally from Ipswich, England, and was overdue at Hobart and quoted at 5 per cent. reinsurance.

The barque sighted the rocks off Cape Flattery in a fearful gale last Friday night and had a narrow escape from drifting on shore. A furious southwester was blowing when the shore was sighted, and in turning the boat out to sea to avoid the coast the steering gear broke. The helm on the Gen. de Negrier has the new patent screw attachment and the strain caused by the storm brought pressure on a flaw in the metal. The apparatus was completely disabled and for some time the barque pitched in the trough of the sea while the strong wind momentarily drove her nearer to the ominous breakers on the gray shore line.

Capt. Louis Lemulleur rigged a temporary tilleg by hitching lines to the two after capstans and making fast to the broken castings attached to the rudder stock and brought his charge up past Cape Flattery with this improvised steering gear. The appliance worked like a charm, although it took a pilot and a man at each capstain to handle the rudder. The work of installing the gear was only accomplished after several hours of hard work, for the seas were running high and breaking over the deck.

The accident to the Gen. de Negrier was almost similar to that which occurred to the schooner William Nottingham, which arrived in Seattle Sunday. That vessel had to put into Bermuda to have its steering gear, which was the same as the French barque's, repaired. The metal could not stand the strain and cracked.

The Gen. de Negrier is a steel vessel built in 1901 at Nantes, France, and has never been in the Sound before. This is also the first visit of Capt. Lemulleur to Seattle. The vessel is 277.5 feet long, 40.4 feet in beam, and 22.7 feet deep.

LONDON'S PAGEANT.

Will Depict 22 Different Scenes in British History.

Steady progress is being made with the general scheme of the great London pageant, and the 22 episodes (embracing what is practicaly the historical life of the nation) into which the enterprise has developed cover scenes beginning with prehistoric London and coming down to things so modern as a fair in Hyde park in 1837.

With two exceptions each scene is vouched for in the matter of historical accuracy and detail by two recognized authorities in Great Britain, though in a few instances the same persons are giving their certificates on points of correctness for more than one group.

The folowing is a list of scenes as issued by the executive committee, of which the Earl of Kilmorey is chairman:

1. Scene in Prehistoric London.
2. Roman London; Entry of the Emperor Claudius; the first Sea King Carausius; Sacrifice to Diana.
3. Saxon London; Installation by Augustine of Mellitus, first Saxon Bishop of London.
4. Danish London; Martyrdom of St. Alphege; Viking attack on London bridge.
5. The Norman Conquest; Harold's Departure before Hastings; Entry of William the Conquerer; Grant of Charter to the Bishop and Portreeve of London.
6. Translation of the Bones of Edward the Confessosr in Westminster Abbey by the Arohbishop, Thomas a'Becket.
7. Departure of Coeur de Lion for the Crusades; John grants the Charter confirming Mayoralty of the City.
8. Feast to the Five Kings by Henry Picard, ex-Mayor of London.
9. Canterbury Pilgrims; Richard II. and the Insurrection of Wat Tyler; Pageant at Coronation of Richard II.
10. Henry V.'s Victorious Return after Agincourt.
11. Election of Richard II., at Crosby Hall.
12. End of the Wars of the Roses, Great Tournament in Honor of the Marriage of Henry VII. to Elizabeth of York.
13. May Day Festivities; Water Pageant at Coronation of Anne Boleyn.
14. Latimer Preaching at Paul's Cross Before Edward VI. and His Court.
15. Visit of Queen Elizabeth to Francis Drake on board the Golden Hind after his return from the voyage around the world.
16. State Entry of James I. into London (Shakespeare and the Actors in the Procession.
17. King Charles I. and His Queen in their barge; Charles on his way to Whitehall on the morning of the execution; Cromwell.
18. The Restoration; Return of King Charles II.; Scene in the Mall (St. James' park) during his reign.
19. Procession for Transfer of Standards and Colors Captured at Ramillies (Queen Anne.)
20. Anson's Naval Procession, wagons of treasure; Scene in the Ring, now part of Rotten Row, in the time of George III.
21. Early Nineteenth Century (Nelson).
22. Fair in Hyde Park—1837.

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DEPT. OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders for the supply of meat, bread, groceries, vegetables, forage, straw for bedding, coal oil, and for the washing of bedding and other barrack services, for the permanent force at Esquimalt, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1908, will be received up to noon of Monday, March 9, 1908. The tenders should be marked on the upper left hand corner of the envelope' Tender for (stating the supply, or service) and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa.

Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the Director of Contracts, Ottawa, and at the office of the District Officer Commanding, at Victoria.

Samples of the groceries, etc., which the tenderer proposes to furnish should be submitted with each tender.

Tenders must be made on the printed form furnished by the Department, without any alteration whatever, otherwise they will not be considered. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a Canadian chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender decline to sign a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the service contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

S. F. JARVIS,
Secretary.

H.Q.—354-29-4.
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, February 17, 1908.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RAILWAY CO.

TENDERS.

Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to and including March 6th, 1908, for the demolition and removal of all buildings, with the exception of brick buildings, corner of Store and Chatham streets and galvanized iron building near Government street, on the site of old Albion Iron Works.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. GOODFELLOW,
Assistant Superintendent,
E. & N. Railway Offices, Store St.

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The Jobbing Carpenter
Has removed his carpenter shop from Blanchard street to 907 WHARF ST. Tel. A 1430.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of our license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated at the corner of Douglas and Pandora streets, in the City of Victoria, B. C., and known as the "Silk" Saloon, to Lorenzo McCrae and Bert Holden.

Dated this 9th day of November, 1907.

A. R. M'DONALD.
GEORGE ROBERTS.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer to Stanley Adult and John Hagus Bosustew of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate on the corner of Pandora and Blanchard streets in the City of Victoria, and known as the Osborne House Hotel.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1908.

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court for a trandsfer to Henry Edward Vendera-Richards of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situate in the Wilson Block, No. 80 Yates street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the "Wilson Hotel."

Dated this 10th day of February, 1908.

SAMUEL McELNEA.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Re William Tyler, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late William Tyler, who died on the 23rd day of January, 1908, at Victoria, British Columbia, are required to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the British American Trust Company, Ltd., agents for David Harvey Riddell, executor under the will of the said William Tyler, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims and statements and the accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after the 27th of March, 1908, said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice.

Dated 26th February, 1908.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter 115, Clifton Scott Whiting will apply to the Governor-General-in-Council for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a wooden wharf in front of Lot 541A, in the City of Victoria, B. C.

A plan of the said proposed wharf and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed site of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said City of Victoria, the same being the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Victoria, B. C., the 5th day of February, 1908.

PELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Clifton Scott Whiting, Applicant.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent or Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail.

In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until that application has been disposed of.

A homesteader whose entry is in good standing, and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particulars the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following plans:—

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 per acre. Not more than 2,560 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—Two strong boys. Apply Albion Stove Works.

WANTED—Youth, to assist in seed store and deliver parcels. Apply P. R. Johnston, Market Building, Cormorant St.

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WANTED—Party wants to rent or lease 4 or 5 roomed house for one or two years, with option of buying. Address to W. A. T., Times Office.

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Houses for Sale

FOR SALE—Cottage, 4 rooms, Pembroke street, lot 30x135, price $1,300, cottage, North Park street, lot 30x140, on two streets, $1,100; easy terms. Northwest Real Estate, Yates street.

FOR SALE—New 7 roomed bungalow, all modern, with furnace and basement, $2,000. $500 cash, balance monthly. Northwest Real Estate, 713 Yates St.

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FOR SALE—Violin (very old) $10.00; Singer Sewing Machine, $12.00; Air Tight Heaters and Piping, $3.50; Roller Skates, $2.00; Suit Case, $2.50; Dancing Pumps, $1.50; Shepard's Plaid Coat and Vest, $3.50; Vancouver Real Estate, $750.00 lot, terms. Jacob Aaronson's New and Second-hand Store, 56 Johnson street, four doors below Government.

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TO LET—Two well furnished front bedrooms, close in. Apply 825 Kane street, in mornings.

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Situations Wanted—Female

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EIGHT LOTS, in Pearse estate, fine locality ..... $4,000.

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ONE ACRE, Sidney, all cleared and in orchard, five-roomed house, beautiful home $2,750.00

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FOR SALE—2 nearly new 120-egg incubators and 2 brooders; also several thoroughbred Brown Leghorn cockerels. Apply C. H. Revercomb, 618 Trounce Ave.

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THE "ABERDEEN"—A high-class private hotel for tourists and residents in Victoria; all white labor employed; table board given; terms moderate. Apply to Mrs. J. Aberdeen Gordon, late of Gordon Hotel. Phone 1018.

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WANTED—Middle-aged woman as housekeeper and to take care of children. Apply 811 King's road, between 12 and 1 or after 6 p. m.

WANTED—A young girl as help, two in family. Apply Mrs. Holtz, back of 120 Dallas road.

WANTED—Girl to serve in store. Apply NZ this office.

WANTED—A good girl to wait on counter. Apply 221 Cook street.

LADIES wanted at Dresscutting School to learn cutting, corner Yates and Broad, D. P. Sprinkling. Lawrence Anderson, instructor. We cut patterns to measure.

WANTED—Immediately, general servant. Apply 737 Vancouver street.

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Plans and specification can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department and on application to Jos. Greenfield, Esq., Supt. Pub. Bldgs., Winnipeg, Man.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED. GELINAS,
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French Purloiner of Relics at Last Gets His Reward.

Limoges, France, March 4.—Thomas Antoine Thomas yesterday was sentenced to six years' imprisonment at hard labor. Thomas is the cooper of Clermont Ferrand who committed the series of sensational church robberies in France, the revelation of which created a sensation last fall.

The trial began here on February 27th. His son, Francois, and his mother, together with three antiquaries, Michel, Faure and Duffay, were charged with complicity in the thefts. The mother and Michel were acquitted. The son and the other two antiquaries were found guilty and sentenced each to two years at hard labor. Orders were given that the stolen relics be turned over to the state.

SUICIDED IN NIAGARA CURRENT

Despondency Caused Railroad Man to Jump From Luna Island Bridge.

Niagara Falls, March 4.—A man believed to be Grover C. Hoehen, of No. 5 Carolina street, Buffalo, jumped from Luna Island bridge into the river yesterday afternoon and his body was carried over the falls. The man placed his clothing, jewelry, hat and letters on the bridge and jumped into the current. His body went over the centre of the falls. It is doubtful if his body will be recovered.

Hoehen was a member of the Britherhood of Railway Trainmen. Despondency is said to have prompted his suicide.

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VICTORIA WEST ARBITRATION AWARD

Dennis Harris Gives Judgment On Catherine Street Case.

The report of Dennis Harris, who was appointed arbitrator in a test case between the city and Mrs. Patton, has been taken up. It does not definitely settle the matter, but, as before mentioned in these columns, states a case for the Supreme court and settles the amount payable by the city for the land and the moving back of the fences.

The whole dispute arose over the straightening of Catherine street. For a long time the residents on that street have wanted permanent improvements made, but the city has refused to do anything until the street has been freed from the angles. The award is as follows:

To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come:

I, Dennis R. Harris, of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, land surveyor and civil engineer, send greeting:

1. Whereas, by chapter 46 of the statutes of 1907, an arbitration is directed between the corporation of the city of Victoria and the holders of certain lots of land in Victoria West therein specified.

2. And whereas, the said Dennis R. Harris, having been nominated by the council of the corporation of the said city of Victoria and duly appointed arbitrator to carry out the provisions of the said statute, have taken upon myself the said reference.

Evidence Put In.

3. And whereas the following facts and matters have been adduced before me in evidence:

(a) The original survey of William Ralph validated by the said statute has been put in, and the same is proved to have been filed with the registrar of titles at Victoria pursuant to chapter 66 of 1893 of the statutes of British Columbia, exhibit No. 1.

(b) A by-law of the council of the corporation of the city of Victoria entitled the "Victoria West Arbitration By-Law, 1907," No. 510, was put in and proved by a certified copy thertof, exhibit No. 4.

(c) A notice by the said corporation calling upon one, Martha Patton, owner of lot 137, block Q, to move back from off Catherine street and Skinner street certain fences and buildings alleged to encroach on said streets. A like notice as to lots 138 and 139 adjoining, alleged to encroach on Skinner street.

(d) A tender by the corporation of the sum of $452.80 as in full of compensation for the removal back of the said buildings on Catherine street and fences on Catherine street and Skinner street.

(e) A copy of the map or plan of the lands sub-divided by Jeremiah Nagle and filed in the land registry at Victoria, the predecessor in title, showing the said block Q and lots 137, 138 and 139. Exhibit No. 2.

(f) Admission by the corporation that Mrs. Martha Patton and her mortgagee are entitled in fee to said lots as shown and described on said last mentioned plan.

Erroneous Occupation.

(g) Evidence that the street monuments and points of demarcation shown on the said Ralph survey coincide with the westerly lines of the said Ralph survey, and that upon the survey of William Ralph the occupation of said lots 137, 138 and 139 is erroneous in the following particulars:

(I) The easterly boundary of said lot 137, as occupied, encroaches on Catherine street, average 14.4 feet, and the northerly boundary on Skinner street, average 0.6 feet, and on such encroachment there are the following encroachments by improvements on the easterly boundary: 2.10 feet of a 12 roomed house occupied as a dwelling by Martha Patton. Also about 2 feet, being the verandah of a 4 roomed cottage owned by the said Martha Patton, let in separate tenancy to one at a rental of $7 monthly; also fence and groing shrubs, trees and plants.

(II) The northerly boundary of said lot 137 and also of lots 138 and 139 encroaches on Skinner street, average 0.6 feet, and on such encroachments there is a fence and growing shrubs, trees and plants. And it is further proved that on lots 138 as now occupied, there are certain fences, buildings and improvements, the property of the said Martha Patton, now let in separate tenancies at monthly rents, which encroach to the extent of average 14.4 feet on the westerly portion of said lot 137. And in like manner there are improvements consisting of fences, buildings on lot 139 as now occupied, which encroach upon the westerly 14.4 feet of said lot 138.

4. And whereas it was contended before me on behalf of the said Martha Patton that if I found that the said lot 137, as occupied, did encroach upon Catherine street and Skinner street, and that the corporation were entitled to possession of the same as portion of the said streets, that she and her mortgagees were entitled to make the following claims to compensation:

Claims to Compensation.

1. Cost of moving house back.

The distance being roughly 15 feet (according to evidence the distance of removal when only a few feet does not perceptibly affect estimated cost of removal).

(a) Estimated cost of moving big house on lot 137	$ 400 00
(b) Estimated cost of moving 6 roomed house on Skinner street	675 00
(c) Estimated cost of moving 4 roomed house on rear of lot 137	100 00
(d) Cost of moving barn	30 00
(e) Additional charge connected with removal—	
1. Removal of stumps below large house $30 to $40 (say)	
2. Renewal of plumbing connections	50 00
3. Incidental expenses, being $50 on big building and $25 on each of small houses	100 00
4. Overseer's fee	100 00

2. Depreciation on houses as result of removal, being 15 to 20 per cent. of estimated value of houses, as follows (say) 1,400 00

(a) Dwelling on lot 137 .....$3,500 Roy Catterall 4,000	
(b) 4 roomed house ..... 1,000 Roy Catterall 1,200	
(c) 6 roomed house ..... 1,800 Roy Catterall, $2,000 to 2,500	
3. Fences—	
(a) Estimate for partly rough and dressed timber at 50 cents per foot.	
1. 312 ft. outer boundary.....$156	
2. 312 ft. inner boundary 156	
3. 266 ft. lot boundaries 133	445 00
(b) Lattice fence at $1.75 per foot, 60 ft.	105 00
(c) Cost of moving old fences, $15 to $20	20 00
(d) Cost of making new garden sidewalks, 10c. per foot, 80 feet	8 00
(e) Cost of new electric light connections	15 00
(f) Cost of new septic tank connections	28 10
(g) Cost of connections with water	15 00

Patton's Evidence.

4. Depreciation of garden—	
1. On strip of 15 feet to be taken by city:	
(a) Depreciation of garden and renewing garden elsewhere ..... $325 Labor connected therewith	375 00
(b) Damages to garden on lot 137 irrespective of above	320 00
(c) Damage to garden on other lots	80 00
5. Repapering—	
(a) Big house, say, 9 rooms at $10 per room $90	
(b) 4 roomed house 40	
(c) 5 roomed house 50	180 00
6. Loss of Rent—	
(a) For house on lot 138 at at $12 for 3 mos. $36	
(b) For small house at $9 per mo. for 3 months 27	63 00
7. Cost of living elsewhere while house being moved for 3 persons at $7.50 per diem for 6 weeks	315 00
8. Loss of time in attending to business	50 00
9. Decrease in value of site for house owing to giving up the higher position	1,000 00

Corporation's Claim.

5. And whereas it was contended that the items of claim of the said Martha Patton herein recited, 1b, 1d, 2-3 of C (iii), 2 (c), 3 a (ii) and (iii), 3 (b), 3 (c), 4 (c), 5 (c), being claims for compensation for adjustment of the boundaries between lots 138 and 139, are too remote, and that the corporation cannot in this arbitration be asked to compensate therefor.

6. And whereas it was further contended as to items 1 (c) and 3b of (e) (iii), 2 (b), 5 (b), 6 (b), that the right of the said Martha Patton to compensation was limited to the actual depreciation of the value of the building by its being deprived of the veranda which encroaches on said Catherine street.

7. And whereas it was further contended that items 1 (e) (IV.), 2 (a), 3 (a), 4 (a), 5 (a), 6 (a), 7, 8 and 9 were not within the statutory obligation to make reasonable compensation and are too remote.

8. And whereas no evidence has been adduced before me to show the said Martha Patton, or her predecessor, wilfully and knowingly encroached upon the said street, or that she or her predecessor purchased and occupied the said land knowing that the original purchaser thereof from the Hudson's Bay Company wilfully encroached, or that, treating the said lots as in separate holding, if she is deprived of said encroaching land, there still remains to her the quantity of land mentioned in her muniment of title to the lot held by her.

9. And whereas I am advised that the adjustment of the aforesaid claims in the three preceding recitals mentioned, numbered 5, 6 and 7, and the question of whether the land occupied if belonging to the streets should be compensated for, involves difficult questions of law, which it is not for me to determine, and I have accordingly awarded separately with a view to such questions being determined by competent authority. And also the principles of awarding which should be applied in determining what is reasonable compensation.

Arbitrator's Award.

Now, therefore, know ye, and these presents witness that I, the said arbitrator, having fully and deliberately considered the said matters in difference, do make this my award in writing in manner following, that is to say:

1. I award and determine that $750 is the value of the land of the said Catherine street and Skinner street now occupied by the said Martha Patton.

On payment of the compensation, the land which, after determination of the court, I shall award the corporation of the city of Victoria are entitled to possession of, consists of a strip on Catherine street, namely, a strip running the whole easterly frontage of lot 137, at the north 5.5 feet in width, and at the south 13.3 feet, and of a strip on Skinner street running from the northeast corner of lot 137 to the northwest corner of lot 139, average 6 inches in width.

2. I award and determine that $616 is the reasonable compensation to which the said Martha Patton is entitled for removal back and reinstatement of improvements on said lot 137 on said Catherine street, and on the northern boundaries of Skinner street of lots 138 and 139, particularly under the headings 1 (a), 1 (c), (i) and (ii), 3 (i), 3 (d), 3 (e), 3 (f), 3 (g), in the herein recited items of her claim.

And by way of special case for the opinion of the Supreme court, and subject to such opinion as to whether or not the items of compensation referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 herein are too remote or are otherwise within the statutory obligation to award compensation and also whether the strips of land on Catherine street and on Skinner street should be compensated for.

3. I hereby state and find as facts that the said strips of land on Catherine street and Skinner street are not, and never did form, part of said lots 137, 138 and 139, but always were dedicated to public uses by Jeremiah Nagle in or about the year 1882, and the possession of the same is vested in the corporation of the city of Victoria.

Compensation to Claimant.

4. I am by the statute directed to award reasonable compensation to the claimant. If the principle on which I should assess compensation is the giving of complete reinstatement to the claimant, then I make the following awards:

I. Said lot 137 and improvements, taking the same as a residence with convenient sized garden, will be depreciated in its market value by deprivation of the said strips of land on Catherine street and Skiner street by the sum of $350.

If the claimant is entitled to compensation for the land she is deprived of, then I award the sum of $750.

If the bare value of the land is to be taken, then I award the sum of $450 as such value.

II. The four roomed house on said lot 137 will, by removal of the veranda, be depreciated in its market value by $100.

III. Lot 138 and house thereon as it now stands will, in consequence of the removal back of the house on lot 137 into close proximity with such house, be depreciated in its marketable value by $300, and if this is the mode of assessing compensation then I award the said sum.

If the bare value of the land is to be taken then I assess and award the same at $450.

5. If it is decided that compensation has to be made for removal back of the buildings, fences and improvements on lots 138 and 139, consequent upon adjustment of lot boundaries, I find and determine that $980 is the reasonable compensation therefor.

6. I have not in my said award allowed compensation for the claims in paragraph 7 of the recitals to this award, but if it be held that I should so allow, then I find and determine the amount of such compensation at $1,545.

I award to the said Martha Patton her costs of and incidental to these proceedings and fix the same at $190.50, and this sum, with the amount of compensation which, after adjudication by the court, shall be found to be hereby awarded, shall be paid to the said Martha Patton by the corporation of the city of Victoria.

And I hereby fix the fees payable to me as arbitrator in and about the arbitration and this my award, including therein the services of my clerk, at $[illegible], and the same are to be paid to me by the said corporation.

Progressive Victoria

Vancouver Island Special Edition Of the Times

The rapid expansion of the business life of this city within the last two or three years will be strikingly reflected in the forthcoming special edition of the Times, upon which special writers and advertising men have been engaged for some time.

Already the number of pages originally contemplated has had to be considerably increased, and if the same response continues from the commercial men, manufacturers, etc., as has been the case for the last fortnight, the number will be the largest and most comprehensive index to the business interests of the city and island ever yet published.

Owing to this, it is possible that the date of publication may have to be advanced to a week or two later than was at first contemplated, but there will, we feel sure, be no objection to this, when the reason for it is explained.

For many reasons it looks as though 1908 is to be Victoria and Vancouver Island's year. The bank clearings laready give some indications of the fact, and the data and material in the special edition mentioned will go a long way in emphasizing it to the outside world.

NO DECISION IN BRITT-NELSON BOUT

Lightweight Pugilists Give Disappointing Exhibition at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, and Battling Nelson, of Hegeswick, Ill., fought ten rounds before the Pacific Athletic Club in this city last night, with Britt a slight victor in point of blows landed, and Nelson somewhat the stronger at the close, but unable to overcome the cleverness of his opponent. The fight seemed ended in the 6th round when Britt appeared to have received a knockout blow at Nelson's hand, but was saved by the gong.

Nelson showed to advantage in only three rounds because of telling blows landed when the men were sparring openly. The fight was by no means a savage affair and at times the audience howled at the men to fight. Time after time Britt escaped the leads of the always coming Nelson. In all Nelson did not land over a dozen effective blows, while Britt always giving ground, stepped out of range whenever possible and frequently straightened Nelson up with the left. In conformity with the law, no decision was rendered.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Victoria District Sunday School Association to Meet This Month.

The Victoria district of the International Sunday School Association will meet in annual convention in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, 17th and 18th of March. The meetings will be held in the Congregational church, which has been kindly loaned for the occasion. The general secretary, Stuart Muirhead, will be present and will deliver two addresses. Reports will be received from the twenty-four schools that are connected with this branch of the International Association. Victoria district includes the country from Duncans to North Saanich, and it is expected that delegates from all the schools in the district will be present. G. W. Dean is president of the branch, with J. W. H. King as secretary, and J. McKenzie treasurer.

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UNPACKING AND MARKING a whole carload of Templeton's Carpets and Squares kept several men quite busy Tuesday. 'Twas cheerful work, though, for the pleasing surprises, as bale after bale of delightful new styles were opened lightened the work and made the task a pleasant one. Included in this carload are some choice new Axminster Rugs of handsome design and unusually pleasing colors. The variety of sizes and the great choice of prices make the fitting of both room and pocket book an easy task here. We shall be delighted to show you these new lines. Dainty Axminster Hearth Rugs in a plentiful assortment of sizes and styles have also come to hand.

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TO INCREASE FORCE OF CITY POLICE

Chief Langley Asks for Nine More Constables and One Detective.

"As chief of police of the city of Victoria I beg to point out, in my official capacity, I consider the number of men under my command is insufficient to properly safeguard all parts of the city."

These are the opening words of Chief Langley's communication in which he "earnestly begs" for the appointment of nine regular constables and one detective to augment the present force. There has been no increase granted since 1900. The extra cost involved would be about $10,000 per annum.

Chief Langley's communication, which was laid before the police commissioners at their meeting held yesterday afternoon, is as follows:

"Gentlemen:—I respectfully beg to present this communication to you for favorable consideration. As chief of police of the city of Victoria I beg to point out, in my official capacity, I consider the number of men under my command is insufficient to properly safeguard all parts of the city. There is no police patrol duty carried on in the outskirts of the city, such as Victoria West, James Bay and the other various outlying places, and, as citizens of Victoria, it must be obvious to you that an increase in my staff is very much to be desired. Quite often we have to seek for men to act as special constables, but their work is very unsatisfactory, they naturally being new, or I might say 'green,' to police duty. It will be remembered that our city covers an area of about seven and one-quarter miles, or in other words, approximately we have 150 miles of streets, finished and unfinished. It will be quite evident to you that the police department is severely handicapped in view of the above mentioned circumstances. Strangers are arriving here every day. We are constantly receiving complaints from householders living in various parts of the outlying districts. We are doing our best in this regard, but in reality with the present small force, it is impossible to patrol the whole area of the city.

"I earnestly beg at this time for the appointment of nine regular constables and one permanent detective to the force. We must look to the future growth of the city. It is a growing one as is proved by the increase of dwelling houses during the past few years. I might state that there has been no increase in the number of constables since I joined as chief in 1900. I urge that this increase be granted. If correct that the British fleet is still going to be stationed here, or in the future, it will be imperative that a further increase of constables be permitted.

"I have occasion to make mention of our patrol signal box system. The boxes in use at the present time are wooden ones, which are easily put in disorder, thus being of no use to the department. I would suggest that nine of the proper iron fire alarm boxes be installed, which I consider will meet all police requirements as regards signals.

"I beg to report that the Canadian club made a suggestion as to changing the style of uniform for the police of this city. The matter was discussed by the last board of commissioners, but being received at a late date in the year, they decided to turn the matter over to yourselves for favorable consideration.

"JOHN M. LANGLEY."

At the meeting yesterday the chief pointed out that it was imperative he should have the reinforcement of men asked for, as even with these ten men added the standard of efficiency necessary for Victoria in her present stage of rapid growth would not be attained. At present Victoria West, James Bay, Spring Ridge and North Ward are practically without police protection. While recognising the fact that the present police force is inadequate and that more protection should be given to the outlying sections of the city, the commissioners did not see how the extra expenditure could be met by the city council this year. This matter and the question of appointing a public prosecutor will be further considered by the commissioners at their second meeting to be held next week, when also the better regulation of saloons will be discussed.

GUATEMALA AT PEACE WITH MEXICO

Diplomatic Difficulties Smoothed Over—New Entente Will Bind States.

City of Mexico, March 3.—Mexico and Guatemala have reached a friendly settlement of the diplomatic difficulties which have existed since the assassination here last April of General Barillas, resulting in the demand for the extradition of General Lima and Colonel Bone, and the removal of the Mexican legation to Salvador upon Guatemala's refusal to grant Mexico request. The basis for the new entente was not made public.

Mexico will establish an independent legation in Guatemala and Consul Parra has already been appointed charge d'affaires pending the selection of a minister. Heretofore one minister has been accredited to all five Central American states.

AMERICAN CLAIMS IN VENEZUELA

Washington Presents Note to President Castro—Fitzgerald Concession.

Caracas, Venezuela, March 2., via Willemstadt, Curacoa, March 3.—After an interval of seven months, W. W. Russell, the American minister to Venezuela, has presented to the government of President Castro another note from the Washington government insisting upon arbitration of the claims of those American citizens wo believe they have suffered an injustice at the hands of Venezuela. This action was taken by Mr. Russell on February 27th.

In this new note Washington reiterates its previous demands. Judgment is expected momentarily in the suit brought by the government for the annulment of the famous Fitzgerald concession, now the property of the Orinocco corporation.

RECEIPTS LARGER.

Earl Grey's Dramatic Competition Brings in Substantial Sum.

Ottawa, March 4.—The receipts from the performances held at the Russell theatre last week in connection with the Earl Grey dramatic and musical competition were slightly over $2,400. This is some $400 more than last year. The attendance was also much in advance of that during the competition in 1907.